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IRAQI REBELLION AT AN END

Fighting Ceases With Signing Of Armistice

WELL, IT'S A GOOD STORY, ANYWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Empire News," quoting Dublin sources, stated yesterday that a British super-bomb came within a few feet of killing Hitler in the last big British raid on Berlin.

Blast wrecked Hitler's specially deep dug-out in the Berlin Chancellery, killing five of the Fuehrer's aides and "frightening Hitler almost out of his wits."

Hitler, says the report, suffered from shock for several days, and then "ordered the Luftwaffe to bomb Government buildings in London."—International News Service.

EIRE PROTESTS NAZI AIR RAID

A STATEMENT WAS ISSUED by the Government in Dublin last night, declaring that the bombs dropped on Dublin on Saturday were of German origin. A strong protest, together with a demand for compensation has been addressed to the German Government.

The statement says the "Government regret to announce that as the result of bombs being dropped on Dublin in the early hours of Saturday morning, at least 27 people were killed and about 80 injured."

"Considerable damage to property was caused. A further bomb was dropped near Arklow early yesterday morning, but though no lives were lost, there was damage to property."

"Investigations having shown that the bombs were of German origin, the Charge d'Affaires in Berlin is being directed to protest in the strongest terms to the German Government against this violation of Irish territory, and to claim compensation and reparation for the loss of life, injustice and damage to property."

"He is further directed to ask for definite assurances that the strictest instructions will be given to prevent the flight of German aircraft over Irish territory and territorial waters."—Reuter.

JUNE 5 SHOWDOWN FORECAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A showdown between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies is predicted by June 5.

The principal Japanese delegate to the Batavia talks, Mr. Saburo Yoshizawa, in a telephone interview with the Tokyo "Yomiuri" said the next meeting on Thursday would undoubtedly bring clarification of the situation on another day.

He charged that British and American influence was particularly visible in the Japanese position, and that the "Indies" situation was being manipulated to the advantage of the Allies.

JAPANESE WEST RIVER LANDING

About 1,000 Japanese landed in separate batches at Kutsing, Wongchang and Chekkai at the mouth of the West River in Kwangtung yesterday, and tried to push inland, meeting with stubborn Chinese resistance. — Central News.

LONDON GETS ALERT

London has been put on alert for the first time since the German attack on the British Isles, and the city is now under a state of emergency.

Regent Returns To Baghdad

IT IS UNDERSTOOD IN CAIRO THAT THE BOY KING FEISAL OF IRAQ IS SAFE IN BAGHDAD. EARLIER REPORTS FROM UN-CONFIRMED SOURCES HAD ASSERTED THAT SIX-YEAR-OLD FEISAL WAS CARRIED OFF BY RASCHID ALI IN THE LATTER'S FLIGHT TO IRAN.

It is also learned that the Governor of the Mosul area, where the oil wells lie, has throughout been opposed to Raschid Ali's movement and therefore it is considered in usually well-informed circles that the Iraq trouble is virtually ended.

Fighting ceased in Iraq at 8 a.m. yesterday following the signing of an armistice on Saturday night, according to Iraqi sources in Cairo.

These sources also report that the Regent entered Baghdad yesterday morning.

Axis prisoners in Iraq are to be interned, according to the official terms of the armistice dictated by the British General Officer Commanding, it was stated in Cairo yesterday.

The terms are:

First, cessation of hostilities. Second, return of the Iraqi troops to their peacetime stations, including the garrison at Ramadi.

Third, British prisoners to be released and Axis prisoners to be interned in Iraq, while Iraqi prisoners are to be handed over to the Regent.

The terms apply to the whole of Iraq.

It is understood the new Iraq Government will accede to the

British request to allow the transit of British troops through Iraq.

No Peace Treaty

It is also pointed out that the armistice does not alter the British Government's relations with Iraq within the framework of the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty.

The release of Iraqi and Axis prisoners is conditional on the prior release of all British prisoners, if any.

It is emphasized in Cairo there is no question of a peace treaty since there has been no declaration of war.

The armistice was signed by representatives of the Iraq Committee which assumed control in Baghdad, and whose leading spirit is the Mayor. — Reuter.

NAZI THREAT TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The diplomatic correspondent of the London "Sunday Despatch" reported yesterday that Hitler and the Nazi General Staff have decided to occupy Spain, Portugal and the Azores in the hope of forestalling American preventative action.

Hitler plans to use Marseilles, Barcelona, the Balearic Isles, Valencia, Cartagena, Tangier and parts of Spanish Morocco as bases for the expedition. — International News Service.

100 BOMBS DROPPED ON CHUNGKING

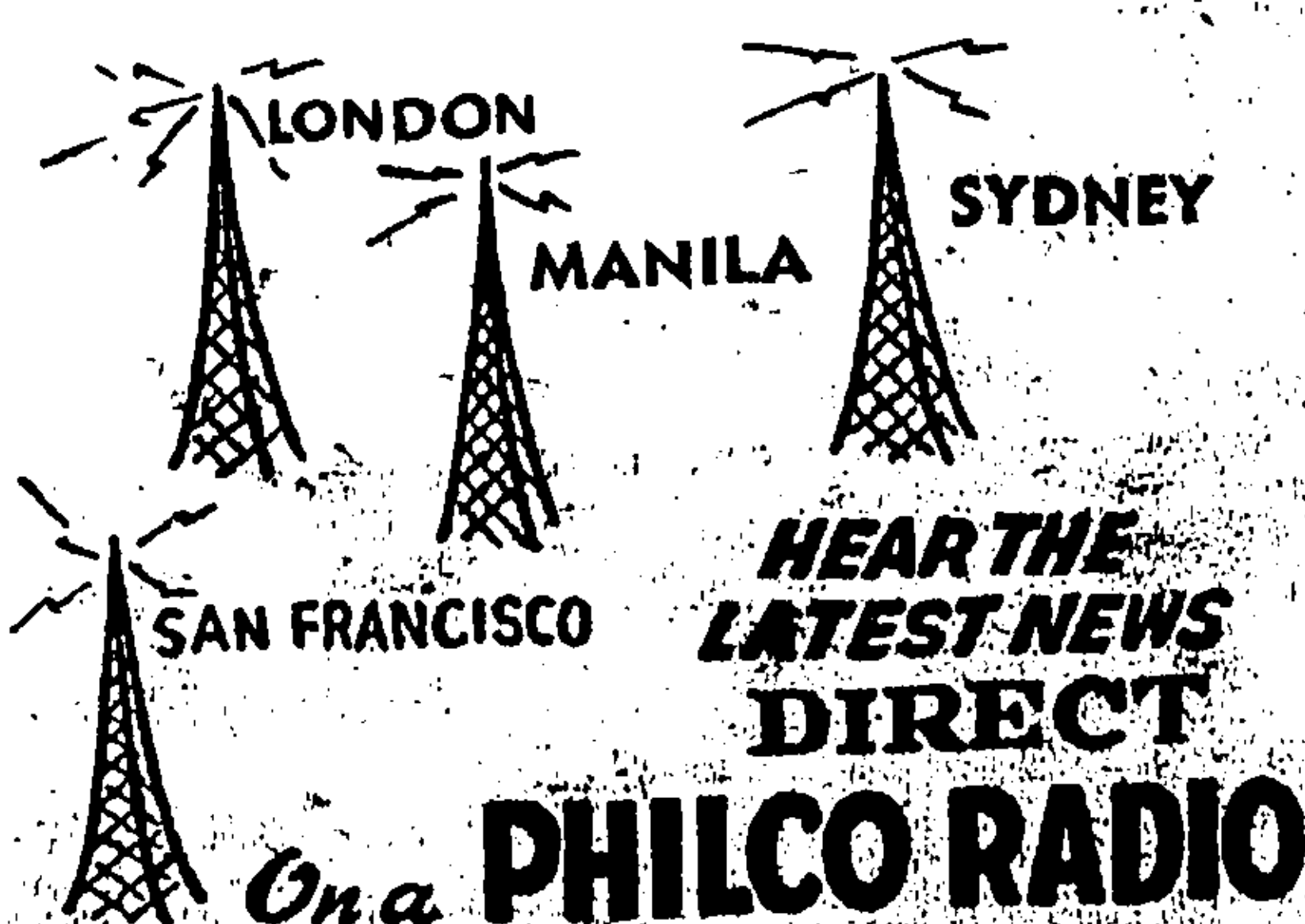
Twenty-seven Japanese planes made another attack on Chungking yesterday morning, dropping about 100 bombs. Four fires broke out in different parts of the city, but damage was slight.

Nine Japanese aircraft raided Lingling and Lengshutan in Hunan yesterday morning. Bombs were dropped indiscriminately. — Central News.

British Cruiser Lost

The Admiralty announced in London last night that the British armed merchant cruiser "Salopian" has been sunk. Next of kin of casualties have been informed.

Captain of the "Salopian" was Sir V. M. Alleyne, who was navigator of H.M.S. "Mudro" when she was sunk as a blockade runner in the Gulf of Aden in 1917. He was in command of the "Salopian" when it was sunk.



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WHY WE ABANDONED CRETE

Disparity In Air Base Distances

German Occupation Completed Only At Heavy Cost

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE NUMBER 15,000 GIVEN IN THE WAR OFFICE COMMUNIQUE FOR TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM CRETE RELATES ONLY TO BRITISH AND IMPERIAL TROOPS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE GREEK TROOPS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHAT PROPORTION OF TROOPS FROM THE DOMINIONS IS AMONG THE MEN SAVED.

Nor is it possible yet to indicate in London the total of troops the British had in Crete nor whether the evacuation is regarded as completed.

Informed circles, discussing the necessity for withdrawal, emphasise the disparity in distance between British and German air bases from Crete.

It is thought that at least some of the German prisoners captured in Crete have been transferred to Egypt.

London circles assumed that the New Zealand Commander-in-Chief, Major-General Freyburg V.C., came out with the troops who were withdrawn, in view of the recent statement that he was alive and with his troops.

A senior R.A.F. officer in Cairo, giving a general review yesterday of the air situation in the light of events in Greece and Crete, estimated the total number of planes used by the Germans in Crete at about 1,000, with the number destroyed running into hundreds.

Busted Flush

The parachutists division particularly was considerably shop-soiled.

The officer described the parachutists as a busted flush, saying it was not parachutists but bombers and fighters who captured Malemi, enabling air-borne troops to land.

It was air-borne troops and not parachutists who were dangerous. Consensus of opinion from Greece and Crete was that low-flying fighters were far more deadly than dive-bombers.

The officer, expressing his personal view, said the war was and would become still more an air war.

Snags Before The Nazis

While the German successes in Crete complicated our problem the Germans would never find anywhere else such geographical conditions as existed in Crete, and as they went further, resistance would grow and their commitments would grow too.

Explaining the Air Force difficulties in Greece and Crete, the officer said in winter it was impossible to use aerodromes without properly prepared runways but after two days of fine weather it was possible to create a number of improved aerodromes.

The British were hampered by the fact that the weather did not improve until two days after the German advance. The Germans had the advantage of fine weather and were also ruthless in conscripting labour.

Apex Of Triangle

Main trouble, however, was that the British were forced into the apex of a triangle with the Germans having a wider ring of bases round them.

One of the problems thus arising was that the British had more aerodromes and more commitments to defend, and at one time it was proposed to destroy all the Cretan aerodromes except one but eventually all were destroyed except three.

For air as for sea warfare it was essential to have secure bases, and a glance at the map would show why, with the existing ranges of British fighters, we were unable to have fighter protection in Greece and Crete.

LONG-RANGE FIGHTERS, SAID THE OFFICER, WERE IMPROVISED BUT THE HANDICAP OF LONG-RANGE FIGHTERS OPERATING AT THE END OF THEIR RANGE AGAINST SHORT-RANGE HIGH PERFORMANCE INTERCEPTORS WAS VERY HEAVY.

Position Better Now

The British were now in a much easier position. It was easier for them to switch air-

craft in any direction.

When the Iraq trouble arose they switched a large force of aircraft to Iraq while R.A.F. armoured cars were at Rutbah, two days after leaving the Western Desert.

The officer revealed that aircraft are steadily arriving in the Middle East.

Questioned about American planes he said they were very good but, like all babies, had teething troubles and there was a good deal to be done to make them as good war machines as the British.

American planes had not the same hitting power as the British but both British and Americans were learning from experience.

The American Maryland plane had hitting power, and the officer also praised the Tomahawk. — Reuter.

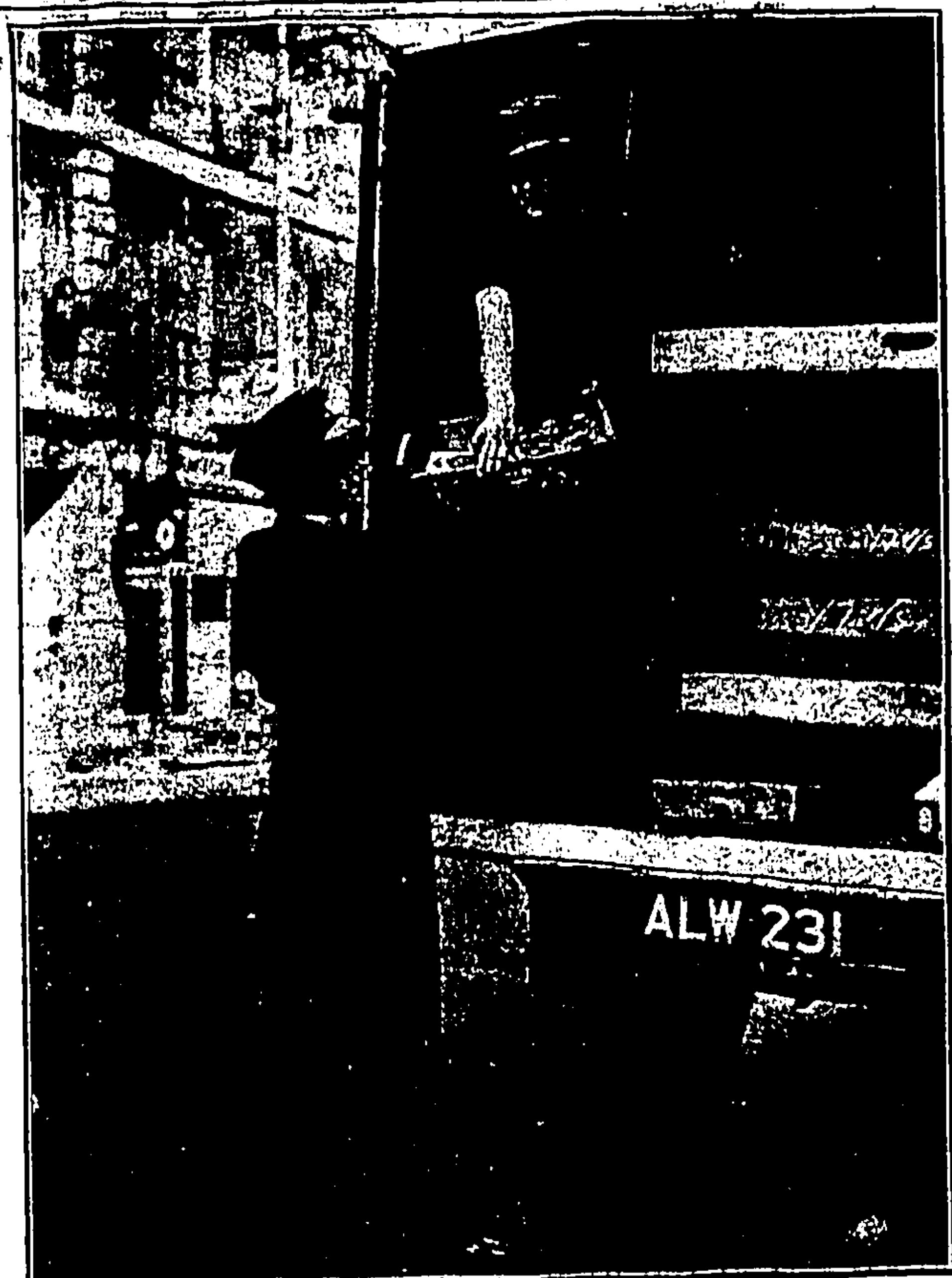
BOMB BROUGHT TO ADMIRALTY

WE DO NOT HEAR VERY MUCH OF THE GREAT WORK DONE BY THE ENGINEERS OF THE MERCHANT NAVY, BUT THERE WAS A TIMELY REMINDER OF IT IN A STORY TOLD BY MR. RONALD CROSS, MINISTER OF SHIPPING.

He was speaking in London at the annual luncheon of the Institute of Marine Engineers.

A 500lb. bomb struck one vessel and put out all the lights. The master found that the bomb had torn a hole in the ship's side and had landed intact on the stokehold plates of the centre boiler. It was hauled up with a rope through the ventilator.

"The crowning feature of the incident, to my mind," remarked Mr. Cross, "was this: the men aboard that ship took the trouble to bring the bomb back to the Admiralty, because they felt that it might be of technical interest."



WOMEN IN WAR-TIME: — Women are being trained to drive and unload light vans delivering supplies of food to Lyons' tearshops in the London area. Photo shows a girl van-driver, complete in her uniform which is made after the style of the battledress, at work in London. She is soon being assisted by a girl porter, or better known as a "Georgeina" (right) with the trays. (Copyright, Fox).

R.A.F. COVERING EVACUATION OF CRETE FORCES

SEVEN ENEMY PLANES were destroyed by the R.A.F. during patrols over British ships in the Mediterranean on Saturday, while the aerodromes at Malemi and Heraklion, in Crete, and Benghazi, in Libya, were also bombed.

These facts were given in the following R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday:—

The Mediterranean R.A.F. fighters maintained defensive patrols over British ships in the Mediterranean throughout Saturday.

During these patrols they destroyed five German Junkers 88 bombers, one Italian Savoia 79 bomber and one Italian Cant 1097 bomber and damaged other Junkers 88 so severely that a number of them were unlikely to have regained their bases.

At Sfax, in Tunisia, an Italian ship previously attacked on May 30 was again bombed and machine-gunned. Three direct hits on the vessel were followed by clouds of black smoke.

Crete Raids

Crete: the aerodromes at Malemi and Heraklion were again heavily bombed during the night of May 30/31. Three enemy aircraft were set on fire at Malemi and Heraklion, and a number of fires accompanied by heavy explosions were started near runways and among aerodrome buildings. Six Junker 88 on the ground were machine-gunned and damaged.

Abyssinian South African bombers attacked enemy motor transport, tents and buildings near Ghimbi. Bombs were seen to fall on large buildings, huts, and parked motor transport.

From all the above operations four of our aircraft are missing. — Reuter.

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Terrible Effect Of New R.A.F. Bombs In Main German Cities

SUSPICIOUS FIRE IN JERSEY CITY

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

An immense fire, causing millions of dollars worth of damage, swept the waterfront of Jersey City yesterday, and was only controlled after firemen had battled the flames for seven hours. Twenty-four were overcome by fumes.

The inferno broke out in suspicious circumstances near the Hudson River slaughterhouse. The waterfront was heavily guarded at the time. —International News Service.

"Tragic Picture" Of Hamburg: Mannheim Suffers Heavily

THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE, GIVING DETAILS OF DAMAGE DONE IN HAMBURG, KIEL AND WILHELMSHAVEN, SAYS REPORTS OF THE TERRIBLE EFFECT OF THE LATEST BRITISH BOMBS ARE SPREADING EVERYWHERE IN GERMANY AND THE AUTHORITIES ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO COUNTERACT THESE REPORTS BY PUBLISHING ELABORATE COMPARISONS OF THE DAMAGE DONE TO LONDON AND BERLIN.

In Hamburg one of these new bombs fell into the Steinwerder industrial area. Industrial buildings covering a space of 20,000 square yards were completely demolished.

There was severe damage from blast over a space of 75,000 square yards and at two points more than 1,100 feet apart the effects of blast were very obvious.

Reports from within Germany describe Hamburg as a tragic picture and it is said there is scarcely any district in this second largest city in Germany which has not suffered.

It has not yet been possible to get anything like a complete picture of the damage done to Hamburg by the enormous weight of high explosives and incendiaries dropped there during May.

Photographic reconnaissance has already shown 36 very large industrial buildings completely demolished or very seriously damaged, and many others less seriously.

Same Story In Mannheim

A similar tale is told of Mannheim. After an attack on the night of May 5 the great chemical works in the industrial suburb of Ludwigshafen were cordoned off by the army and ambulances were seen leaving the works throughout the day.

The docks at Mannheim have been substantially damaged.

SIXTEEN BAYS OF WAREHOUSING ON BOTH BANKS OF THE VERBINDUNGS CANAL WERE ENTIRELY GUTTED AND THIS AREA OF COMPLETE DEVASTATION ALONE COVERS FOUR AND A HALF ACRES.

Elsewhere in the town, warehouses beside the Rhine were completely burnt out and one was seen still smouldering when a reconnaissance was made several days after the last attack on the town.

The east span of the new two-span autobahn bridge across the river has been demolished and has fallen into the river, where it obstructs traffic. —Reuter.

PLANS TO AID WAR DEBTORS

The Government's new plan to help traders and business men who suffer hardship caused by the war provides for the appointment of "liabilities adjustment officers" who will give advice and assistance.

It empowers county courts to make "protection orders" to help debtors.

Details of the scheme, planned to start on July 1, are contained in a Bill presented in the House of Lords.

Anyone in serious financial difficulties may apply to an officer for help in reaching a fair arrangement with his creditors to allow him to carry on business or to recover it later.

Maintaining Home

The Court may make a protection order, staying any proceedings against the debtor or his property.

The Court is also empowered to make a "liabilities adjustment order" regarding a debtor's affairs.

It can allow for the maintenance of the debtor and his family, his home, furniture or business premises, and postpone payment of debts.

The provisions also apply to private companies.

DEPORT HER, URGES M.P.

Mr. E. A. Radford (Con., Rusholme) wants the Home Secretary to deport to Eire, after she has served a four months' sentence, Miss Mary Tuk, who flashed a torch towards the sky during a Southampton air raid, resisted arrest, assaulted a policeman and shouted abuse of England.

BARONET KILLED IN LONDON AIR RAID

SIR VYVYAN DONALD CORY, WHO WAS INJURED IN A RECENT RAID, HAS DIED IN A LONDON HOSPITAL. HE WAS 34.

Third baronet, Sir Vyvyan succeeded his father, Sir Herbert Cory, in 1935. His family has been closely associated with shipping and colliery undertakings in South Wales for many years.

Sir Vyvyan, who was unmarried, was educated at Harrow and Clare College, Cambridge. The heir to the title is his brother, Mr. Clinton James Cory. He is 32. He married in 1935 Mary, daughter of Dr. A. Douglas Hunt, Park Grange, Derby.

NEW R.A.F. CHIEF IN NEAR EAST

THE APPOINTMENT of a new Commander-in-Chief of the R.A.F. in the Middle East, with effect from yesterday, was officially announced by the Air Ministry last night.

The new commander is Air Vice-Marshal A. W. Tedder, who, as commander of the R.A.F. in the Far East, was one of the pioneers of development of the British air base at Singapore.

Vice-Marshal Tedder is promoted temporary Air Marshal.

The previous Commander-in-Chief, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, is appointed Inspector-General of the R.A.F., succeeding Air Marshal Sir William Mitchell.

The official announcement says Air Marshal Mitchell has completed his term of duty in this office.

The switch in the Middle East command is among a number of appointments announced in the same statement.

Air Vice-Marshal R. M. Drummond becomes Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the R.A.F. in the Middle East, with the rank of acting Air Marshal. Air Marshal Tedder has been second in command to Air Chief Marshal Longmore in the Middle East since November. During the past seven years he has held several important posts, being

Director of Training at the Air Ministry before going to Singapore in the autumn of 1936.

In England

Two years later he returned to the Ministry as Director-General of Research and Development and later joined the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

During the last war he served in the Air Force in France and the Middle East and later in Turkey during the Chanak crisis in 1922.

Air Chief Marshal Longmore has held his post since May, 1940.

Chief Marshal Longmore has been in England since early in May, when he was recalled for consultations with Ministers and Chiefs of Staff about general operations matters in the Middle East. During this time he has been advising from London. —Reuter.

COMMUNIST CASE PUT BY LEADER

A STATEMENT by Chow En-lai, Communist leader, replying to charges that Communist troops are not participating in the present south Shansi operations, and a special article by him on the international situation, published in the Communist organ, "Sin Hua Jih Pao," copies of which were brought in a special motor-car by Communist agents early yesterday morning to the Press Hostel, were distributed among foreign correspondents in Chungking.

Replying to the Chinese military spokesman, who charged that Communist troops have not yet contacted the Japanese, Chow En-lai stated: "Immediately after the outbreak of the Chungtiao Shan fighting the Chinese High Command questioned me regarding Communist cooperation.

I immediately expressed the opinion that the Chinese Communists always supported the policy of continued resistance, so, undoubtedly, the 18th Route Army will cooperate in the fighting.

"Shortly afterwards I received a telegram from Generals Chu Teh and Peng Teh-hui, Commander and Deputy Commander, respectively, of the Eighteenth Group Army, declaring their readiness to cooperate and outlining plans for operations. They immediately were forwarded to the High Command.

Now In Action

"It was decided that Generals Chu Teh and Peng Teh-hui should contact the Commander-in-Chief of the war area. Recent field despatches proved that the Communist troops in north-east Shansi, are at present engaging the Japanese forces.

"I declare that the Communist troops are not afraid of the Japanese and are ready to meet them in battle. I hope our people will not be misled by enemy propaganda."

In a leading article on the in-

ternational situation, Chow En-lai declared: "In the West, there is an intrigue of Anglo-German rapprochement against Soviet Russia, while in the East there is the intrigue of United States' conciliation towards Japan."

TROOPS WANT BLITZ DANCES

Whether dancing in restaurants and public halls should be permitted during air raids has been raised by the recent bombing of dance halls. At the moment there are no restrictions.

"We can make no statement yet—the whole matter is under consideration," said an official of the Ministry of Home Security.

The secretary of the Hotels and Restaurants Association told the "Daily Mirror":

"Ballrooms are among the safest places. Most are on ground level, protected by many storeys of steel and concrete."

A major in contact with Army welfare commented: "A ban would be a hard blow to the troops."

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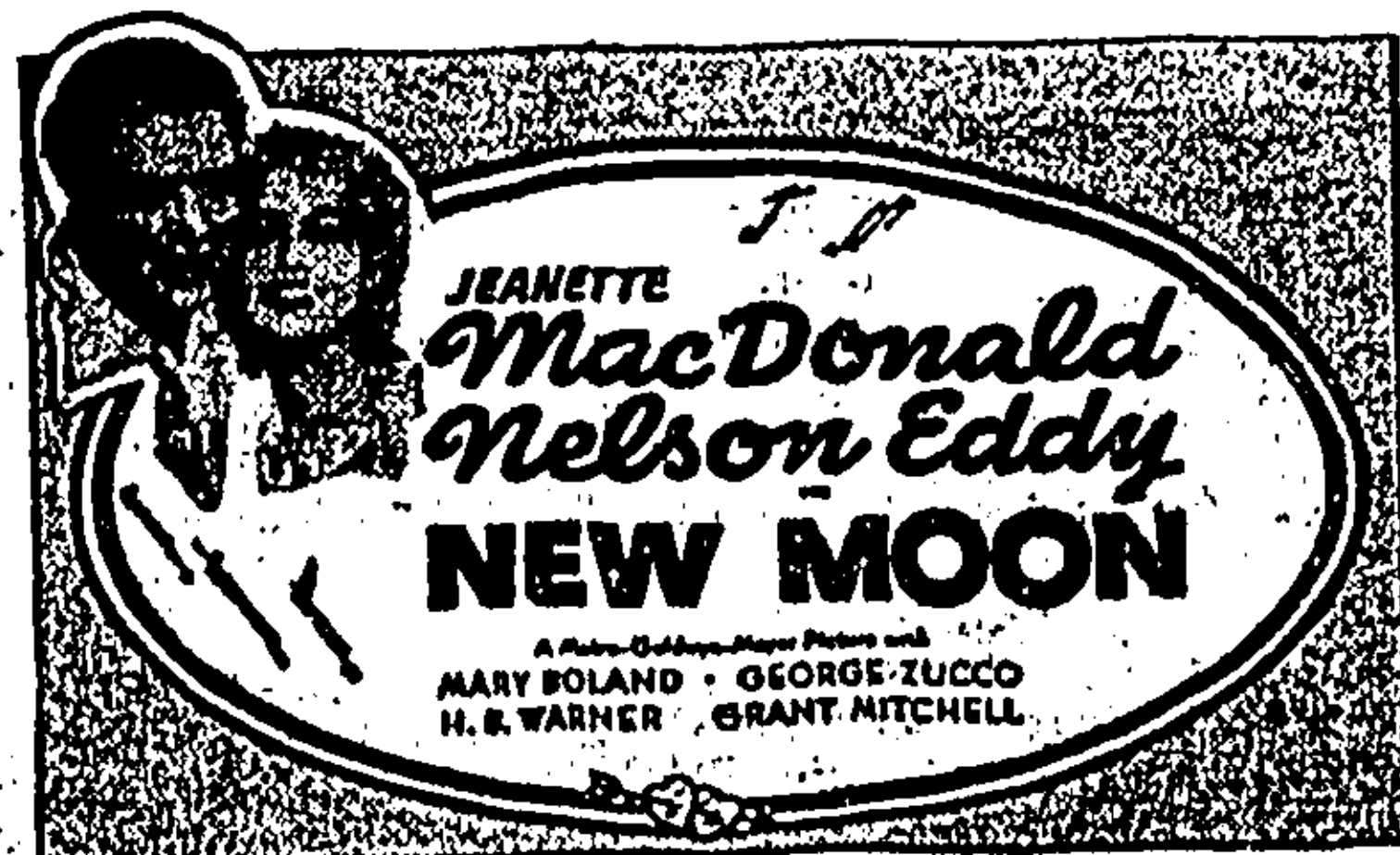
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AMERICAN MINISTER FOILS THREAT TO BRITONS

AN INCIDENT OCCURRED DURING THE REBEL OCCUPATION OF BAGHDAD WHICH SHOWED THE REBELS INTENDED TO USE BRITISH REFUGEES QUARTERED IN THE AMERICAN LEGATION AND THE BRITISH EMBASSY AS HOSTAGES TO ENSURE THE IMMUNITY OF BAGHDAD FROM BOMBING.

Five hundred Britishers who remained in Baghdad after the women and children had been evacuated on April 28 were instructed to seek refuge at the British Embassy or the American Legation.

After the outbreak of hostilities the rebel Foreign Ministry instructed the American Minister, Mr. Paul Knabenshue, to hand over all Iraq subjects employed at the Legation as the Legation might be bombed within an hour.

The rebels said the British commander at Habbaniyah had sent an ultimatum that unless the Iraq army withdrew from the vicinity of Habbaniyah the British would bomb Government buildings in Baghdad.

The rebels said they sent a counter ultimatum threatening that if the British carried out the threat all British subjects in Baghdad would be bombed wherever they were found.

As all British subjects were at the British Embassy and the American Legation, it was obviously intended to bomb those buildings.

U.S. Minister's Defiance

At the height of the crisis the refugees were ordered to leave the American Legation as prisoners of war, in order to avert the bombing of the Legation, but Mr. Knabenshue refused thereby endangering his own life.

An anti-climax came an hour later when the rebels instructed Mr. Knabenshue to hand over the refugees for internment as prisoners of war.

Later this instruction was cancelled on the ground that the Iraqis must first prepare a suitable internment camp.

In the end the refugees stayed at the Embassy and the Legation, where they spent a month sleeping on mattresses on the floor.

MR. KNABENSCHUE'S ARRANGEMENTS WERE VERY EFFICIENT AND HE WAS VERY POPULAR WITH THE REFUGEES. THE DAY THEY WENT TO THE CELLARS, THINKING THEIR LAST DAY HAD COME, THEY SANG "FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW."
—REUTER.

71, TO WED BACHELOR, 66

A seventy-one-year-old widowed mother of nineteen children, and a sixty-six-year-old bachelor are to be married.

They are Mrs. Annie Marston, and Mr. William George Pegg, of Hartopp Avenue, Fulham. Mr. Marston died eight years ago. He and Mr. Pegg, both house painters, were workmates, and thirty years ago Mr. Pegg became a lodger in the Marston's house.

"He was an orphan and hadn't a soul in the world, so I used to look after him," Mrs. Marston said. "Now he thinks he ought to look after me."

UNDERGROUND CANTEEN

An underground shelter equipped with 500 bunks and a canteen, to be managed by the Y.M.C.A., has been opened by the Mayor of Lambeth.

HIGH MASS IN RUINED CATHEDRAL

Within blackened fire-scarred walls which pointed upwards to dull sky, Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Amigo, Catholic Bishop of Southwark, in the ruins of his diocesan Cathedral of St. George yesterday, Whit Sunday.

A Pentecostal gathering of some 700 "parishioners" of the diocese knelt before a makeshift altar erected on a platform in the centre of the wrecked nave to the left of a temporary Bishop's throne.

The Cathedral, which was burned out and wrecked during a recent raid, has been cleared of most of the wreckage, but the walls and side chapels still presented a desolate spectacle and eloquent testimony to the fury of the Nazi raid.

Mass was fully choral and as the organ had also been destroyed in the raid, the choir were "helped out" by a little harmonium, and responses to the Gloria and Credo rang out with more than usual fervour though the absence of a roof meant also the absence of echo.

The century-old Cathedral has never before been the scene of Mass in such unusual not to say tragic circumstances but the gratifying attendance of the faithful, who number some of the poorest of London's poor, is a happy augury of their determination to raise somehow the £100,000 needed to rebuild their beloved St George's.—REUTER.

VETERAN AIR HERO DECORATED

All-weather Mac, who made the record flight between Berlin and London in 1928 — 600 miles in four and a half hours — has been awarded the Air Force Cross at the age of forty-six.

This man of many adventures on the sea and in the air is Flight Lieutenant Robert Henry McIntosh, a Londoner, of the Reserve of Air Force Officers.

His adventures began when he was apprenticed to the Merchant Service at fourteen. Soon afterwards he won the Bronze Medal of the Royal Humane Society by rescuing a drowning man from sharks.

In 1914 he became a dispatch rider in France, in 1917 he joined the R.F.C. and in 1918 became a lieutenant in the R.A.F.

In 1929 he married Miss Betty Ansell, whom he met on a cross-Channel liner.

She Got Him Leave To Wed

(By A Special Correspondent)

"YOUR GIRL has been writing to me again—I think you'd better go home and marry her."

That is what the commanding officer told twenty-nine year-old Andy Byrne, gunner with Wavell's victorious Army in the Western Desert.

And so Andy has come back to England to marry the girl he had to part from on their wedding eve last July.

At her home at College Road, Epsom, Surrey, his bride-to-be, twenty-seven-year-old Greta Nolan, unpacked the wedding dress over which she had wept last summer when her fiancé was sent abroad.

Fourth Time

"I shall never forget the Army's kindness to us," Greta, manageress of a cinema cafe, told the "Daily Mirror." "Andy and I have been sweethearts since childhood.

"He wired me saying he was coming home, but I shall always remember his voice over the phone saying he had arrived. Three times he had put up the banns. This is the fourth time."

In The Desert

It was Greta who persuaded the Army to grant Andy leave. Three times she wrote a personal letter to his Commanding Officer, appealing so that he could wed on the thirteenth anniversary of his enlistment.

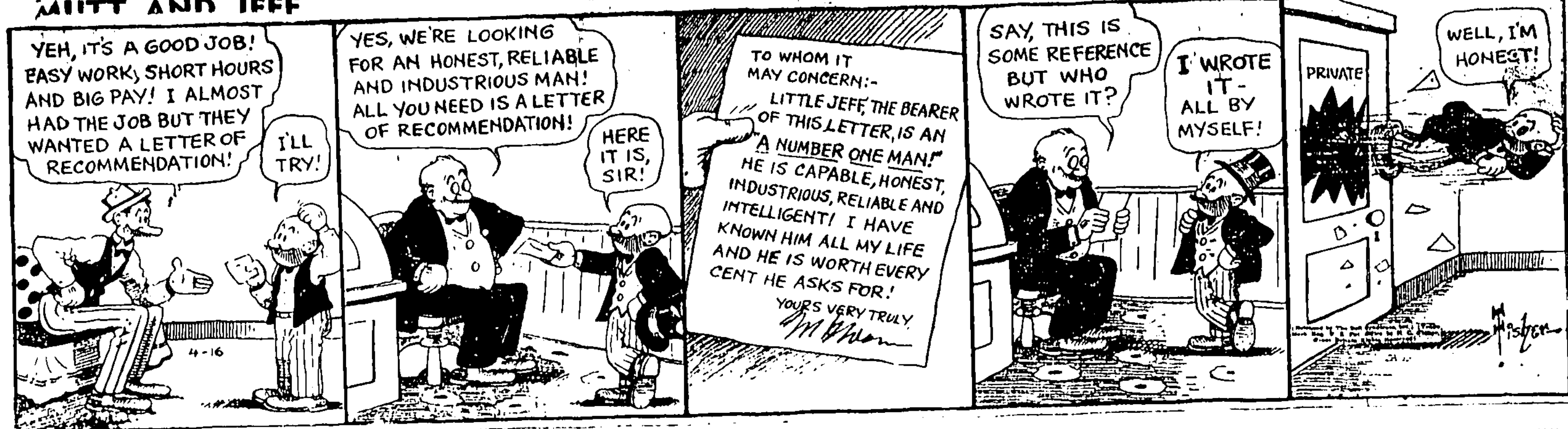
The ring which Andy will place on Greta's finger went with him

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H.K. Medical Board Warning Revoked For The Duration

TO CONSCRIPT NURSING?

Young women might have to be compelled to become nurses for the duration, says the "Local Government Review."

"The great shortage of nurses," it declares, "is causing anxiety not only to hospital authorities, but also to the Ministry of Health."

"The position will undoubtedly be extremely serious if the turn of the war should unfortunately bring a large number of casualties."

"The whole subject bristles with difficulties and must be seriously tackled if the hospital services are to function."

FAITH

"Faith of the German people in their Fuehrer results in the steadily increasing birthrate in Germany," the German radio stated.

THE WARNING issued some months ago by the Hong Kong Medical Board to members of the profession, forbidding them to associate with unqualified dentists registered under the Registration of Dentists Ordinance, 1940, has been revoked for the duration of the war on advice received from the General Medical Board in England, the "China Mail" learns.

Informing medical practitioners of this decision, the Board expressed the opinion that doctors should exercise their discretion as to whether in any particular case, having regard to lack of professional qualifications, unsuitable premises or otherwise, it was desirable that they should not associate with any particular registered dentist.

According to official statistics, some 502 persons have registered with the authorities under the Registration of Dentist Ordinance, 1940, which entitled the following categories to registration:—

(a) persons holding degrees which entitle them to register in the United Kingdom;

(b) those holding a degree or diploma recognised by the Dental Board formed under the Ordinance;

(c) any person already registered under the old Ordinance; and

(d) any person engaged as his principal means of livelihood in the practice of dentistry in the Colony up to the date of commencement of the new Ordinance.

It is stated that of the 502 dentists the vast majority have no qualifications whatsoever and were registered under section (d).

UNBORN AMID THE DEAD ---

Clasping her dead husband's hand, a woman who is expecting a baby soon encouraged her rescuers for sixteen hours as she lay buried beneath the wreckage of her Bristol home.

Neighbours begged the rescue squads to hurry but they needed no spurring.

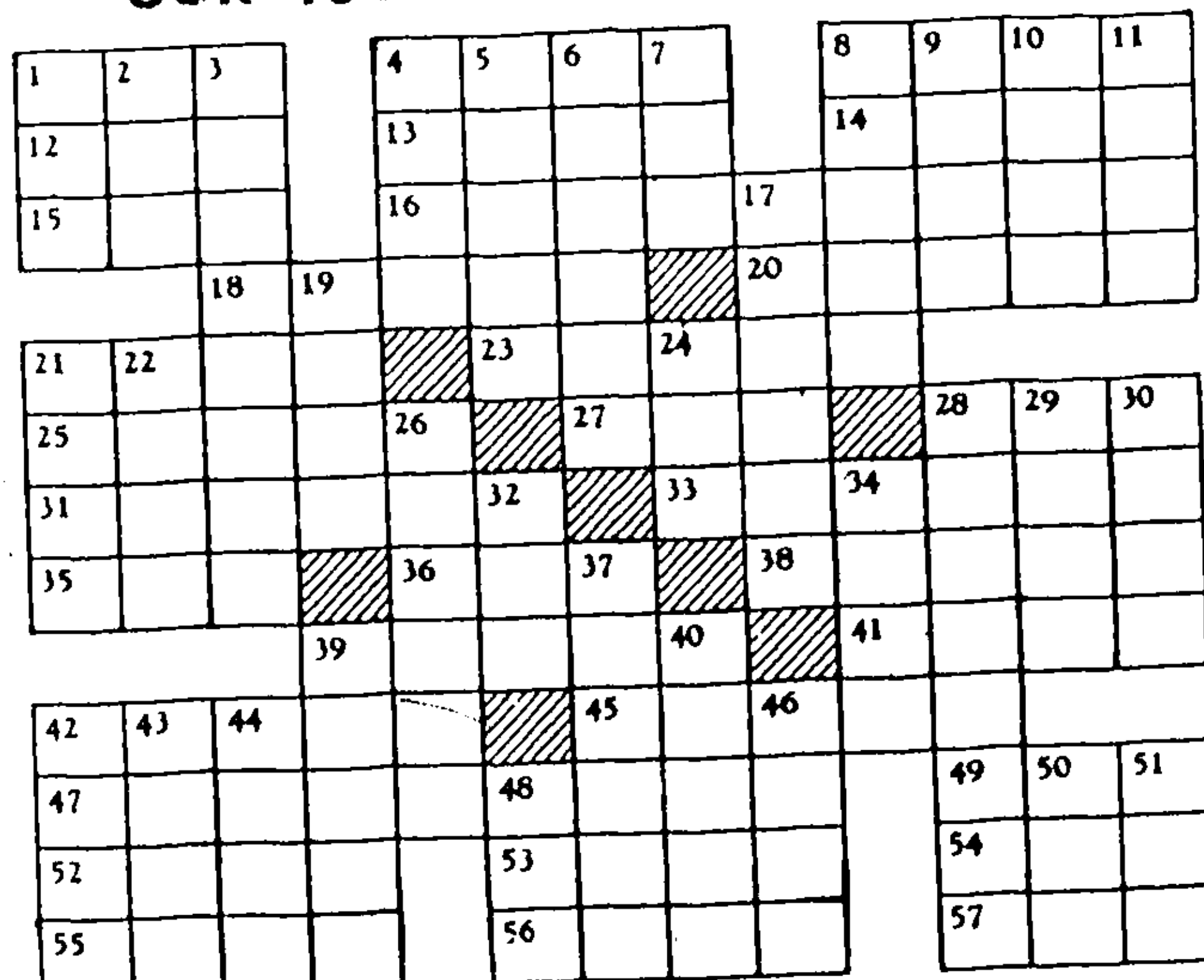
In everyone's mind was the dread that the baby might be born before they could reach Mrs. Lillian Brawn.

Every half an hour the rescuers stopped to let a doctor crawl down a narrow tunnel to ease her pain.

As she was taken to hospital the search began for her eighteen-month-old daughter Valerie, believed to be dead.

Mrs. Brawn's other two children—Jean seven and Shirley, six—were saved.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



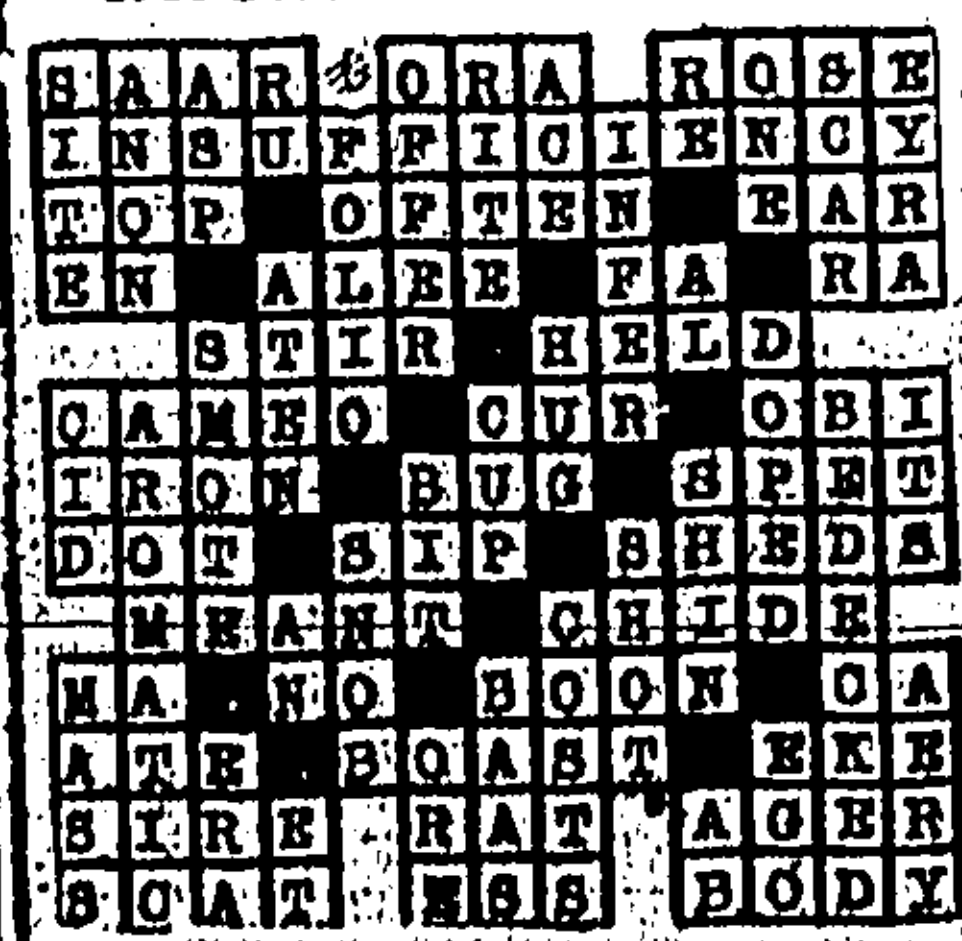
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Quick stroke
- 4 Plane surface
- 8 Final
- 12 Australian bird
- 13 Lord: title affixed to name
- 14 Preposition
- 15 Compact mass
- 16 Person made to bear blame for others
- 18 Fibre plants
- 20 Fruits
- 21 Colloquial: father
- 23 Mexican title
- 25 Ridge between mountains
- 27 To knock
- 28 Female ruff
- 31 Barrack for soldiers
- 33 Occurred
- 35 Insect
- 36 Queen of the fairies
- 38 Ancient colony in Asia Minor
- 39 Seizes with the teeth
- 41 To demolish

VERTICAL

- 1 Moisture
- 2 Chalice
- 3 Capital of Hungary
- 4 Too
- 5 Speed contests
- 6 Rubber
- 7 Poisonous snake
- 8 Swiss sled
- 9 Ox of Celebes
- 10 Heavenly body
- 11 Children
- 17 Epic poem
- 18 Tardy
- 21 South American rodent
- 22 Isles off Elre
- 24 To catch
- 26 Weasel-like carnivore
- 28 Kinsman
- 29 Ancient European country
- 30 Besides
- 32 Burmese demon
- 34 Golfer's cry
- 37 To happen
- 39 Sacred Scriptures
- 40 Transmute
- 42 Cicatrix
- 43 Novice
- 44 Among
- 46 Tidy
- 48 To allow
- 50 Mongrel
- 51 Poetic: always

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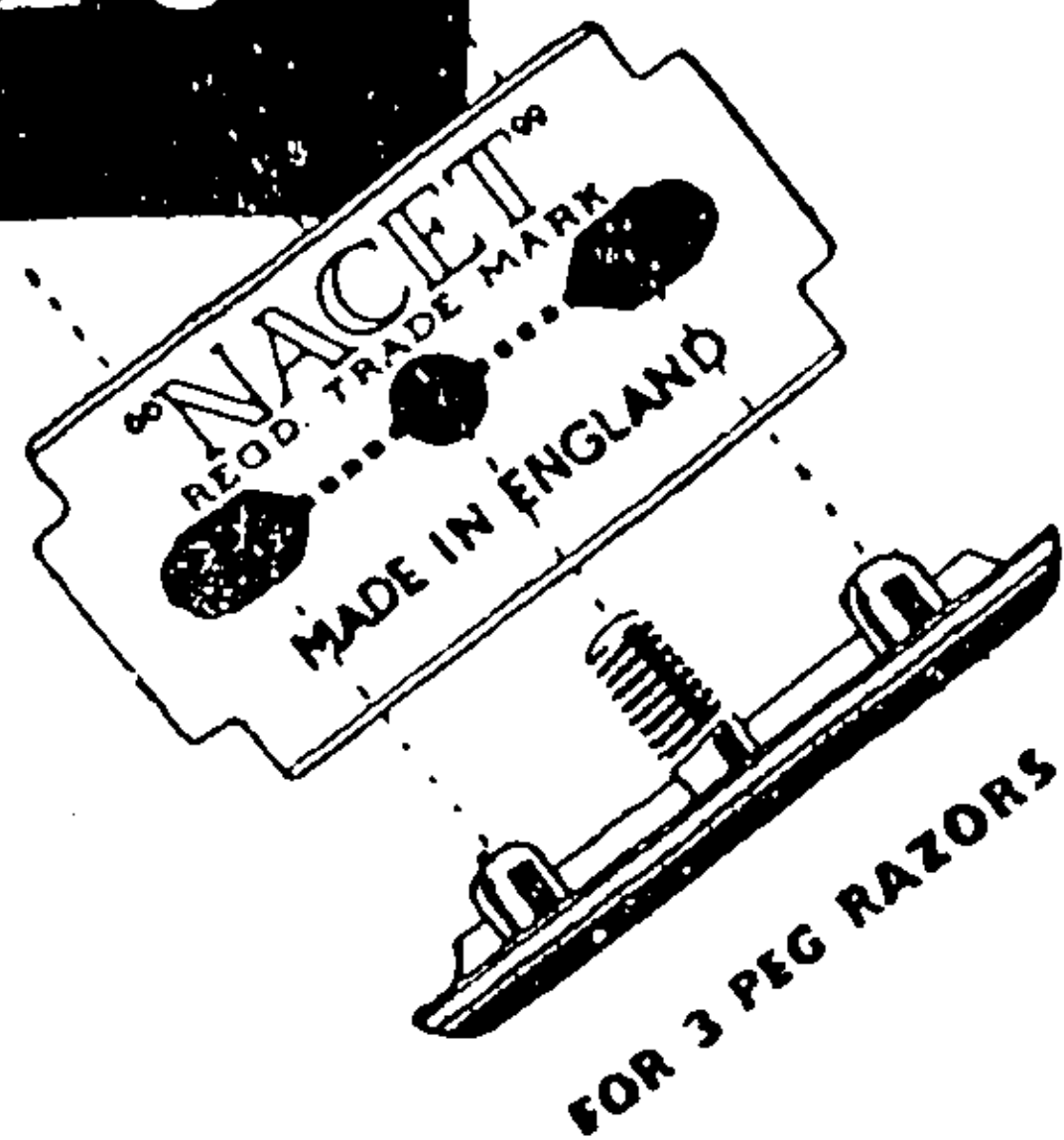
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SORRY PLIGHT OF FRANCE UNDER NAZIS

(By Kenneth Down, I.N.S. Correspondent)

I HAVE JUST COME FROM FRANCE, WHERE I SPENT FIVE WEEKS. DURING THOSE FIVE WEEKS I KEPT ON THE MOVE. I TRAVELLED THROUGH UNOCCUPIED FRANCE FROM THE HUNGRY PYRENEES REGION TO THE UNREAL CAPITAL OF VICHY.

I visited the dead but vastly overcrowded cities of Marseilles and Lyons and the despondent areas of the once rich Riviera. And because I could make no sense of the anomalies and contradictions of unoccupied France, I took the "underground railway" through barbed wire entanglements and German patrols into the forbidden area of occupied France, spending five days in a Paris I no longer knew.

The whole experience had such a dreamlike quality of unreality that it is difficult now to set down clearly the things I saw and learned. The tragic change in France and the French is so great that it must be seen to be realised.

Pessimism Pervades Land

You have the inescapable impression, from the moment you enter the country, that France is through for a long time as a first-rate power. Apathy and pessimism pervade the land. The people are beaten, they admit it. They seem a people grown old and weary, no longer possessing that vitality and sense of national pride necessary to maintaining an empire or a first place in the world, but rather only a desire to retire to the comforts of old age.

But the appalling fact that dawns on you gradually and finally hits you right between the eyes is that France and America, though non-belligerent, are working on opposite sides in a war for the first time since the French and Indian wars in the early eighteenth century.

France to-day, against the will of 95 per cent. of her population, is the ally of Germany in every practical sense short of the military. In other words, economically and industrially.

This talk about collaboration or non-collaboration in Vichy is "eye-wash." Collaboration is a fact, and has been for months. About 90 per cent. of French industry is working on German order. There is no choice. It is work for German orders or shut down because of inability to obtain raw materials, or because of strangling German restrictions. The bulk of French industry is located in the occupied two-thirds of the country.

Opposing Belligerents

Moreover, there is danger that collaboration will be carried to even greater lengths. One of the keenest men I know in France, who for obvious reasons cannot be named, told me: "I think that before this war is ended, it is entirely possible that France and America may be belligerents on opposing sides."

Whilst 95 per cent. of the population is anti-German and hope for a British victory, they are passive. With a very few rare exceptions, they have no fight left in them and couldn't do anything even if they had. The other pro-German 5 per cent. have all the power of German propaganda and German arms behind them. They are aggressive, ambitious men who have wagered not only their careers, but their very lives on German victory. They are desperate and will stop at nothing to see England defeated.

M. Pierre Laval, for example, knows and admits to friends that his life is forfeit unless the German victory is complete.

Most dangerous man at the moment, however, is Admiral Jean Francois Darlan, who as Vice-Premier nominated successor to Marshal Petain's dictatorship, Minister of Navy, Foreign Affairs and Interior, is the current "strong man" of unoccupied France.

Darlan Power-Mad

Darlan has become power-mad and will drag the French Fleet into the war against England if

he can manage it, according to sober opinion in both Vichy and London. He is as much Germany's man as M. Laval is, but is even more dangerous because of his direct command of the Fleet and because he enjoys a better position in the opinion of the French public than the hated Laval. The public still thinks of Ad. Darlan as a career navy man not as a violently ambitious politician. It is not yet aware of his game.

Round the first of the year Darlan had a secret meeting with Hitler in the north of France, details of which have never been published.

Although official sources deny this I learned from an absolutely reliable authority that Hitler at that time gave Darlan a written memorandum. The memorandum was purported to have said, in effect:

"We have not the slightest interest in the internal politics of France, we are at the moment concerned with much more important things. But, we are interested in the role France will have to play in the new order at the conclusion of the war. And we shall be watching with interest how she, in the meantime, feeds her population, manages her fleet and her colonies, and keeps her sea lanes open. Upon the way in which the discharges these responsibilities of a Sovereign State, will be judged her position and rights after the war."

Denunciations Of Britain

The implication was clear. The admiral came back to Vichy "full of beans and spinach." He redoubled his denunciations of the British for whom he makes no effort to conceal his enmity. He began talking openly for the first time of sailing against the British unless they ceased halting French ships.

His statements grew preposterous. He began saying, for example, that the British Fleet was no good anyway and that he would probably dispose of it with his own. Responsible French naval men became concerned and Darlan had to send a message of reassurance to officers of the fleet at Toulon that they would not be called on to sail against the British.

But on February 27, in the Hotel Thermal at Vichy, the irrepressible Darlan in a speech before the French Legion again threatened to sail against the British if they stopped any more French ships. (Most of the cargo of these ships, including such foods as citrus fruits, is for German consumption). He added he thought the British were doomed to defeat.

A week later he went to Paris where he conferred with M. Laval, M. Abetz, and General Keitel. Upon his return to Vichy he announced the French Fleet would convoy its merchant ships if any more were halted by the British blockade. This was an extremely clever move. For while it is extremely unlikely that Ad. Darlan could hand over the fleet outright to the Germans, or order it to sail against the British — it is believed the fleet would mutiny before accepting any such orders — it is quite likely that the order to convoy French merchant ships would be obeyed without question. The end result would be the same, conflict with the Royal Navy.

American and British diplomacy took the wind out of the

SPIDERS IN HIS BED, HE SAYS

Frederick B. Cody, steam shovel operator, seeking divorce in Los Angeles, said his wife put poisonous spiders in his bed and once tried to run over him with her car, cables a New York correspondent.

Mrs. Cody said her husband beat her and associated with other women.

STOLE A FACTORY

A glass factory once worth a million dollars has been stolen, walls and all, from Torrence, California.

It's the biggest theft in California's history. Police blush as citizens shun them and inquire jeeringly "Seen a factory anywhere?"

The factory was closed by its owners several months ago. Inside they left valuable machinery and materials.

One morning lorries with complicated housebreaking equipment arrived. Out jumped workmen.

When they had removed the materials and every piece of machinery they knocked down the walls and carried away the bricks.

County officials made the discovery that the factory was "wrongfully missing."

DIED ON CHURCH STEPS

While walking up the steps of Upper Holloway (London) Baptist Church to attend a service, a woman, aged about sixty, collapsed and died. The woman has not been identified.

Admiral's sails at this time with the announcement that food ships would be sent from America, provided there was American control of distribution.

Comedy Of Sham Independence

It was sad experience to see Paris as it is. But Vichy was even worse. It is a political madhouse in which the dreary comedy of sham independence is played daily. Old Marshal Petain stands alone there, the one disinterested and patriotic figure, in a maelstrom of selfishness, cynicism and advantage-seeking, which is as bad or worse than it ever was under the Republic.

There is much hardship and deprivation in France, but really serious suffering, on a widespread scale, is not expected until next winter. There will be a grave food shortage then. If food is permitted to pass the blockade, Germany undoubtedly will be helped, for the Germans are steadily seizing a portion of the imports that come into Marseilles and Germany continues to requisition foodstuffs in the unoccupied area. But if the blockade is clamped on, the people who will starve will be the friends of the Allies and the helpless poor. You can be sure the pro-German 5 per cent. won't go hungry. They get everything they need now, and more and "sans ticket" at that.

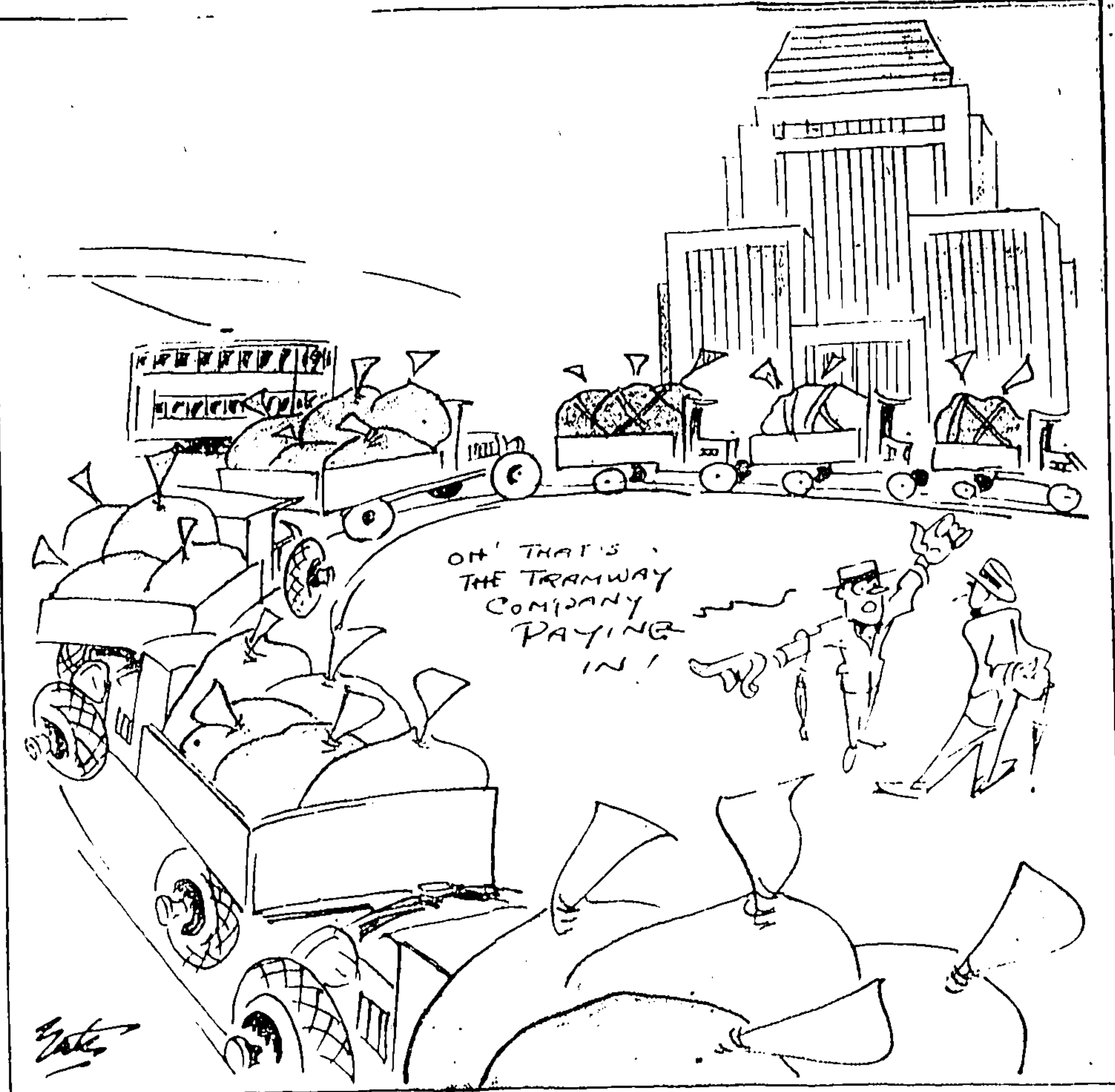
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FRANCE AND RACIALISM

The Vatican Radio has twice recently protested in strong language against the Nazi treatment of religion and its idolatry of race. Full accounts have been given of the restrictions and disabilities imposed on the Catholic Church, and the Nazi propaganda for delaying baptism till the age of twenty is interpreted as part of the plot for bringing up all German children to worship the Fuehrer. It is significant that these broadcasts have been given in French. It is evident that the Vatican is anxious to check the Nazi influence on France and to combat the racial movement there. A society has lately been formed in Paris for spreading racial ideas and for making France adopt the Nazi laws in their full rigour. This movement is aided by "L'Illustration," which gave an account the other day of a meeting at which an advocate of the policy said that racialism was essential to France, "with her blacks and her Jews." It is hardly necessary to point out that this would be a violent revolution in colonial policy. France with her African rulers and administrators, Africans trained in her colonial institute in Paris, is to accept the Nazi view of the African as untouchable. Cardinal Verdier described in a sermon the supreme importance of recognising the brotherhood of man in the rule of colonies, and he contrasted the French spirit with the spirit of the Nazis. "France" asks whether the French Church to-day is going to denounce the introduction of racial laws by the Vichy Government. If not, where is collaboration going to end?

THE QUESTION IN INDIA

Mr. H. V. Hodson has been appointed by the Viceroy in India to be his Reforms Commissioner. Mr. Hodson is a distinguished student of the British Dominions, with much personal experience, and it is suggested that his appointment shows how greatly the Government is in earnest in its promise of Dominion status to India. The Government "means business"; therefore it failure to meet India on appoints Mr. Hodson. It what she asks.



WILL THE NEW COUPONS COME TO THIS?

POISON IVY

DAVID RAYMOND

highlights the remarkable revelations of America's Berlin envoy, William E. Dodd.

RAMSAY MACDONALD, after he had launched the country on its ten-year career of National Government, told an audience that he had been greatly influenced by the writings of an American publicist with the clinging title of Ivy Lee.

Ivy Lee, who could influence a British Prime Minister, was an American speculator and an advocate of Fascism who enjoyed "special relations" with the Nazi Government. His "smooth young son," James, was paid thousands of dollars by the Nazis for his work.

MacDonald was, no doubt, quite unaware of this but it is one of the revelations of the fatal influence exercised by camouflaged Nazi agents over certain people in England given in "Ambassador Dodd's Diary" to be published by Gollancz at 12s. 6d.

William E. Dodd was American representative in Berlin during the vital years 1933-37, and the tale he has to tell explains a lot and (as Dodd might say) then some.

DO you remember Baldwin denying, again and again, Churchill's revelations about German rearmament?

Dodd gives the explanation: In his entry on August 18, 1934, he wrote:—"Army and Navy Attaches here, and, I think, all over Europe, are utterly unequal to their supposed functions. They simply have never received good training, except in drill and tactics. They may know a little formal history, but they really do not grasp the social and economic problems of countries to which they are accredited. Nor are they clever enough to spy on German military performances. Spying is what the Government expects in such fields."

In September, 1934, Dodd informed the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, of the German purchase of a million dollars worth of aircraft from the United States, for which the Nazis had paid in gold. He was astonished to find that "his (Phipps's) Consular officials seem not to have given him information."

At a time, September, 1934, when Germany was refusing to pay its debts to the Lancashire cotton trade, he says that, according to Ebbutt ("The Times" cor-

is in itself a good appointment, and as an indication of Government policy it may have its uses. But it does not let the idea run away with us that it will red e e m our present business"; therefore it failure to meet India on appoints Mr. Hodson. It what she asks.

respondent who was later expelled from Germany), a mysterious "British woman, connected with Hitler's inner group," had been in Berlin to sell war equipment for the British firm of Vickers-Armstrong.

ONE day Schacht came to see Dodd with a tale of woe about Germany's poverty. The Ambassador told him bluntly that Germany had been able to pay cash for arms.

The German banking chief, writes Dodd, "looked embarrassed and was about to deny it, but as he saw I was going to produce a document, he said: 'Yes, I suppose you know all about it, but we must arm.'"

"He then acknowledged that the Hitler Party is absolutely committed to war, and the people, too, are ready and willing."

On another occasion Schacht got very excited when talking about Germany's economic plight and began to rave: "The whole modern world is crazy. . . . Everybody is crazy and so am I. Five years ago I would have said it would be impossible to make me crazy. But I am compelled to be crazy!"

WILLIAM BULLITT, while he was still U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, thought that Russia "had no business to hang on to Vladivostok" and also favoured closing the Baltic Sea to the Russians.

OF Goering, the Fat Boy who would make our flesh creep, Dodd paints some pretty pictures. At one of his frequent and lavish receptions, he turned up dressed in the costume of a mediaeval huntsman, perched on a peasant's cart.

Sir Eric Phipps related to Dodd how Goering had turned up at a French Embassy reception, and, on the talk turning to Hitler's serious throat trouble, "Goering put his fat hands on his chest, and said 'I am to succeed the Fuehrer!'"

GESTAPO Chief Himmler's favourite sadistic trick is to notify the relatives of a Gestapo victim's fate by sending home the remains.

Once he had this trick played on him. After the killings of June 30, 1934, the Reichswahrer refused to return to the Gestapo the

files and records of General von Schleicher's murder, which had been loaned to them for examination.

Four armed S.S. guards sent round to the Reichswahr Ministry to demand them at the point of the pistol were overcome, arrested and shot. The ashes were sent in a box to Himmler.

DODD throws the spotlight on many of the darker episodes and personalities of the period.

Laval was intriguing with Nazi secret agents as far back as 1935.

"I had previously heard," writes Dodd, in commenting on this, "that the reason for the Hoare-Laval proposition (to let Italy have most of Abyssinia) was the English-French fear that Communism might come to Italy in case Mussolini fell."

The Italian Ambassador's wife told Dodd that the blunders of Britain and France had saved Mussolini.

BENES had a premonition of his country's fate. Dodd records a talk with him in 1933 and notes that he was convinced that Germany would annex all or part of his country.

In December, 1934, he was doubtful if Britain and France would come to his aid.

Lord Londonderry once sat in silence at a Nazi show while Goering made a "shameful attack on England."

George Lansbury showed his naivete in going to see Hitler, a visit "manoeuvred by Von Ribbentrop to encourage pacifist and peace sentiment in England."

THE new British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, was "reported to be in full sympathy with the German-Italian aggression in Spain . . . and to have informed the German Government that England would make no objections if Hitler seized Austria and Czechoslovakia."

Sir John Simon was regarded by everybody "as tricky." He nearly fell asleep at the Stresa meeting. Mussolini startled him into wakefulness by declaring: "You know, all of you, that the Germans intend to annex everything up to Bagdad!"

Harry Hopkins, who went to England recently on a special mission for Roosevelt, was the only American to visit Berlin without wanting to see Hitler, saying he would never shake hands with a murderer.

Polish Ambassador Tyskelt was convinced since 1932 that Russia had a secret military pact with Germany.

Otto Strasser, ex-Nazi leader, now anti-Nazi, once declared that he would kill Hitler "within six or eight months."

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EIGHT M.P.S KILL THEATRES ON SUNDAYS

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS killed the Defence Order permitting theatres and music halls to open on Sunday. The voting was 144 to 136—a majority of eight.

Result was announced by Mr. Thomas Magnay, who slapped his thigh, waved his order paper, and shouted "Hurrah!" to cheering M.P.s. The House was packed just before the division, but more than 100 M.P.s did not vote.

The Government will not try to overrule the decision of the House — arrived at on a free vote or to bring the matter up again unless there is such a demand from the country that it could not be ignored.

The Home Secretary was one of the first of many to shake hands with Mr. Magnay, who led the opposition to his Order.

Mr. Magnay, National Liberal member for Gatheshead, took the stage first with an attack on crooners and London ("playground of the idle rich.")

The opposing "leading man" was Mr. A. P. Herbert, who said that, as Independent M.P. for Oxford University, he represented

more Church of England clergy-men than any other member. He had not received a protest from a single clergyman.

The Bible Readers

Points from speeches:—

Mr. MAGNAY. — To-day, in literature, every man is a cad and every woman a vamp. You hear crooners breaking their hearts every night. If they broke their necks I shouldn't be sorry.

Mr. CROWDER (Con., Finchley). — I recall the Premier's statement that Yugoslavia has found her soul. Do not let us do anything to lose our own.

Mr. WEDGWOOD (Soc., Newcastle-under-Lyme). — This is still a Bible-reading people. There are many whose enthusiasm behind the Government will be injured if we pass this Order.

Mr. BEVERLEY BAXTER (Con., Sutton, Plymouth). — Girls prefer to go to the pictures and be able to hold hands—to the glare of the music hall.

HOME SECRETARY. — Sunday theatres would help in keeping members of the Forces and war workers cheerful and happy—important in the prosecution of the war.

GERMAN DANGLING FROM WIRES

Home Guardsmen emerging from their homes for duty at dawn—rubbed their eyes and beheld—a German airman, caught in his parachute, dangling from a high tension wire tower.

Safely lowered into custody, the aviator told his captors he was a member of a bomber crew and that his three partners had escaped uninjured after their plane was brought down nearby.

HALIFAX GOES HUNTING

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in the United States, went hunting with the famous Cheshire Hunt at Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

He was the week-end guest of Mr. W. P. Plunket Stewart.

He was one of the few riders not wearing hunting dress.—Associated Press.

HIS PAIN SAVED INJURED

On the battlefield of Sidi Barrani a twenty-three-year-old Army doctor, severely wounded in the shoulder and pelvis by shell splinters, refused an injection of morphia so that his senses might remain clear.

Then for eight hours, though suffering intense pain he sat propped up and gave directions on the treatment of the wounded.

Loss of blood made it impossible for him to remain sitting, and he had to lie down. But even then he continued to give advice and directions—and went on doing so until the last wounded man had been evacuated.

Now it has been announced that for these gallant and distinguished services in the field Lieutenant James Morton Muir, M.B. (128242), Royal Army Medical Corps, has been awarded the D.S.O.

Inspiration - - -

"Only when the last wounded man had been evacuated did he consent to be placed in the ambulance himself," says the official report.

"This officer's devotion to duty undoubtedly saved many lives and was a tremendous inspiration to the aid post personnel and the wounded."

Miss Charlotte Downie, twenty-two, fiancée of Lieutenant Muir, of Bruntsfield-place, Edinburgh, said:

"Although Jim told me he had been wounded in the leg he did not say a word in his letter about the action which won him the decoration."

"I first learned the story of his bravery from the wife of the doctor who attended to his wounds. The doctor had said Jim deserved the medal."

LEOPOLD: IS HE DEAD?

Neutral countries in Europe are asking, "Is King Leopold of the Belgians dead?"

He has not been seen since the day he refused to sign documents giving the Germans possession of the Belgian Congo. Then he was living at his country palace at Laeken. Life became unpleasant for him.

He was taken to an apartment in Brussels Palace, now Goering's Belgian headquarters.

The question now being asked throughout Belgium is: Has the King been taken to Germany? Rumour says he is to be held in a fortress there until he changes his mind.

Arrangements were made for the escape of Leopold's two children, disguised as peasants, to unoccupied France. There they are now staying with friends.

BOMBED CANTEN GIRL STAYED FOR WOUNDED

A CANTEN GIRL, found beside three dead men after a bomb had hit a building, refused to leave until a wounded man had been cared for and removed to safety.

She is Miss Jean Lester, and her gallantry is officially recorded in a Southern Command Order. Jean was on duty when enemy aircraft attacked with machine-guns and H.E. bombs. Part of the building was destroyed and a fire started.

The Order states that "by her coolness, quiet courage, disregard of personal danger and selflessness, she set a very high standard under trying circumstances, and her example was an inspiration to all."

An officer speaks of the "amazing calmness, good humour and help" shown by all the girls who were serving in the restaurant and bar.

One bomb fell outside the restaurant, the restaurant roof was lifted off, the windows blown out, the bar pitched over, and tables, chairs, china and glass sent flying. Walls crashed about the girls as they served refreshments.

They Joked

The girls were ordered to trenches to await the all clear, but fifteen minutes after the bombing they were setting up a canteen service in a nearby house with tea, coffee and cakes salvaged from the wreckage. At tea time, only three hours later, the troops were being served as usual.

The district manager stated, "The manageress and staff put up a great show. Luckily all the girls were saved."

"When I found them in the trenches I was greeted by a chorus of jokes."

HITLER'S "NEXT" ATTEMPT

Hitler's "next" attempt at invasion will be an upper cut with which he will try to knock Britain out.

General Sir Alan Brooke, who directs the defence of the U.K., gave this warning in an address to Canadian staff officers in England recently.

"The possibility of a German invasion of England has by no means gone," the General said.

If that invasion takes place it will not be only by infantry, but by armoured fighting vehicles, which are not so easy to cope with.

"Once you get a force of armoured fighting vehicles free in the country, it is hard to catch and dispose of. The only way to meet it is with another armoured force."

"This we are developing rapidly. The situation is steadily growing much healthier."

All In Contest

General Brooke described our struggle with Hitler in the terms of an all-in wrestling contest.

"He was trying first for a foothold in the Balkans, but he slipped on the orange peel of Yugoslavia. By bombing our western ports and waging submarine war in the Atlantic, his left hand is trying to paralyse our lifeline."

"His right hand is the invasion hand, which he will try to use for the upper-cut."

"I don't believe he had planned for 1940, and was therefore not so well prepared as he would be now."

"The next attempt will probably be by sea-borne and air-borne troops."

"It is known that he has a large number of the latter, and that he has been working on gliders."

A SENSITIVE BIRD IS THE HEINKEL

After a Heinkel III had been shot down by H.M.S. Leith in the Bristol Channel, Lieutenant-Commander W. T. Collier commented in a signal: "It's lucky the Heinkel is more sensitive under the tail than an old cock pheasant."

The Heinkel was hit by a shell and crashed into the sea. Five survivors, one of them wounded, were taken prisoner.

RAIDER'S GUNS MADE IT REAL

During the four-day mock battle in southern England a German raider dived through a cloud gap and for a moment brought real war into the operations.

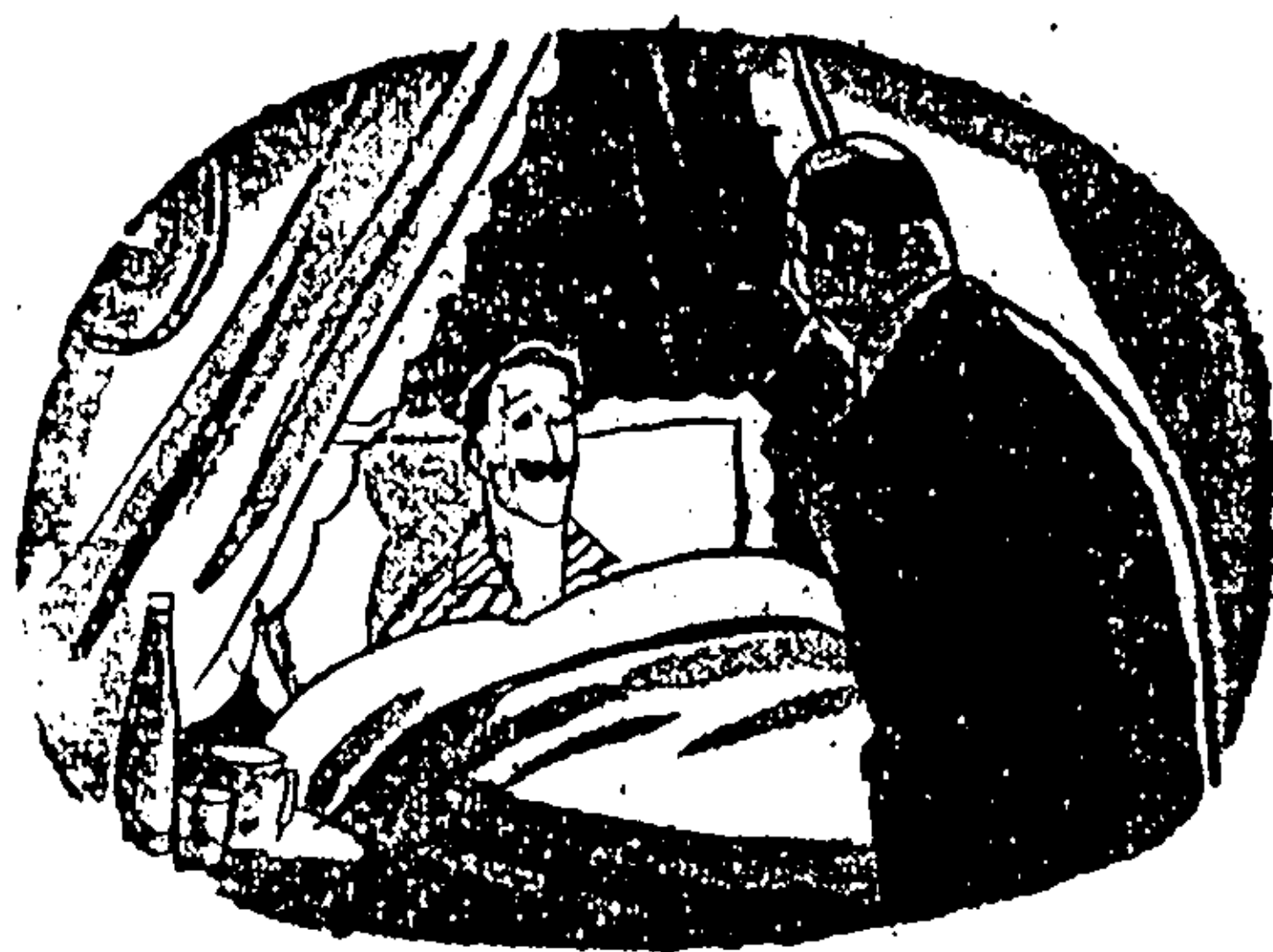
No one took much notice of the noise of the plane until a ripping stream of machine-gun bullets tore up the earth.

Cloud-hopping, the raider had strayed into the area of the mock war, and for a couple of seconds real bullets flew, until it zoomed up into the clouds and scurried for home.

BLOOD-DONORS CAN AVERT TOLL

Unless sufficient blood-donors come forward many towns may be in a precarious position in the event of a big raid, said Lord Brownlow at Grantham (Lines).

"I am not an alarmist, but one bomb dropped in a church or cinema might cause enormous casualties," he added.



IN DARKEST HAMPSHIRE

"Is my bath ready, Hawkins?"

"Not quite, Sir. They're just dusting it."

"A gesture of old world courtesy, no doubt, but was it really necessary?"

"Very necessary indeed, Sir, as it happens to be a hip-bath which has lain some years in the coach-house. His Lordship rarely entertains."

"His Lordship's notions of hospitality are not of this century. He seemed to think he had a sacred duty to lay me low beneath the table. I marvel that I'm here to tell the tale."

"Yet in some ways His Lordship is

well abreast of modern thought. This bottle of Rose's Lime Juice, Sir, in your room . . ."

"Placed there by His Lordship's own hand, Hawkins. And a very refreshing drink following upon a one-sided battle with his Lordship's decanters."

"Yes, Sir, and Rose's has still further virtues. It is justly renowned for annihilating the after-effects of alcohol, vulgarly known as mornings after."

"So that's why I'm still alive and kicking? Well, well, one lives and learns. Go and boil the kettle for my bath. I don't want to miss my breakfast."



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The First Bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m.

The fifth interval will be after the fourth race

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Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1941.

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JUNE 5th, 1941

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In connection with the above Flag Day, those ladies who have kindly volunteered to sell flags, are advised of the following arrangements:

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BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES

NO. 41

By The Four Aces

The artistic bit of hocus-pocus in to-day's hand was executed by Miss Marie Wolfe, of New York.

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 6 5
♥ J 10
♦ A J 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 7

WEST
♠ 10 7 2
♥ Q 6 2
♦ 8 4
♣ A K 9 3 2

EAST
♠ 8 4
♥ K 9 8 7 4
♦ K Q 6
♣ J 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9 3
♥ A 7 3
♦ 5
♣ Q 10 8 4
Miss Wolfe

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of clubs, but stopped short on seeing the dummy. Then he shifted to a low trump.

Miss Wolfe won with the nine in her own hand and could count only nine tricks by ordinary play. She therefore led a low diamond from her own hand

and finessed dummy's nine, hoping to bring in dummy's long suit.

East won with the diamond Queen and returned a trump, South playing the Jack and dummy winning with the King. The diamond Ace was then laid down, followed by a low diamond. When East played the King of diamonds, South ruffed with the three of spades.

West pounced on the trick with his ten of spades, chortling with glee! But his smile faded when he suddenly noticed that dummy's last trump was now an entry to the whole diamond suit! And he felt even worse when he realised that the contract could not have been made if he hadn't over-ruffed.

Note that Miss Wolfe had to squander the Jack of trumps and save the three so as to give West his chance to over-ruff!

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K J 9 7
♥ A J 4
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ A 10

The bidding:

Minor	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	Pass	DBL
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's bid is, technically, a Takeout Double but you are converting it into a Penalty Double. Your partner must have a moderately strong hand for his reopening double, so Declarer is headed for a real "ride" on this hand. He will be lucky to take more than two tricks!

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 731

To-day, you hold the same hand, but the building is different:

Minor	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

KEPT PIGEONS—FINED

For keeping homing pigeons without a licence, Harry Allen, labourer, of Canal Road, Strood, Kent, was fined 10s. at Rochester Under the Defence Regulations, keeping or liberating any racing or homing pigeon is forbidden without a written permit from the police.



The gay young blade says just the way he has to drudge over his desk these spring days is proof there's no justice.

HEROINE A HUMAN BOAT

Running through a village and across two fields, a girl who cannot swim dived to rescue a two-year-old boy in a stream which was in full spate.

She used her body as a "boat" to save the child, and was herself on the point of drowning when her fiancé—who also cannot swim—plunged into the stream and dragged her and the child to safety.

It took forty-five minutes of artificial respiration to bring the girl round.

She is twenty-nine-year-old Eva Eyre, of Fades Fold, Castleton, Derbyshire.

She was having tea with her fiancé, Mr. Marshall Oakes, when five-year-old Leslie Robinson ran in saying that his baby brother, Tony, had fallen into the water.

Immediately Miss Eyre dashed to the stream, dived in.

For 500 yards she was swept with the torrent, her own body beneath the water, but her hands clutching the little boy close to the surface.

She was losing consciousness when rescued with the child.

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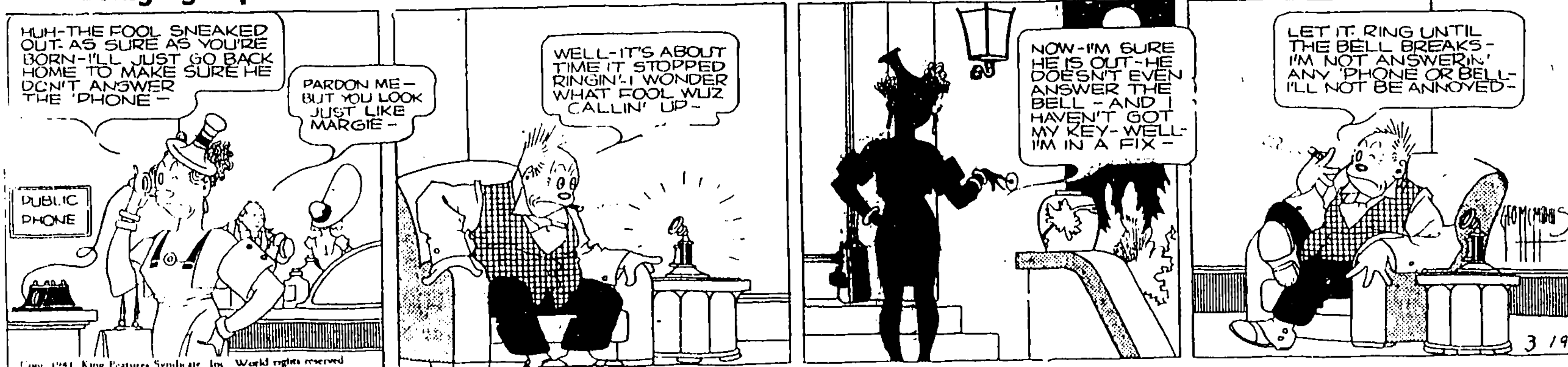
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Dress Hair Simply

Any illness which drains the body of its vitality will also weaken hair and rob it of its gloss and elasticity. You know hair must have elasticity to be healthy, otherwise it is brittle and will break. After any fever a woman will notice that her hair has thinned too and it will not stay as she dresses it.

At such a time the first impulse is to rush and get a new permanent wave, hoping that will help the coiffure. You should not let that impulse for the last thing in the world devitalize hair needs a cramping by a permanent wave machine.

Much better for you to make a series of weekly appointments for scientific scalp treatments and to rest as much as possible and eat full, well-balanced meals. Your hair, during this recuperation, should be dressed simply and should be set without any lotion whatever. Give your hair a chance to grow healthy again before you attempt an intricate coiffure or a new wave.

Remove Dead Cuticle

Much reconstruction work on your scalp may be done at home if you cannot spare the time or money for salon treatments. Sulphur scalp ointment does a neat job of removing dead cuticle and correcting the lighter dandruff cases. A bit is rubbed onto the scalp every single day for ten days. Then you give your hair a hot oil treatment and a bland soap shampoo. Repeat this simple procedure for one or two months, along with ten minutes of brushing each day. Brush your hair out in the open and sunshine if you can, and go about with your hair flying freely when you are in the sun. Having the sulphur ointment on your scalp will protect it enough during this time providing the sun is not mid-summer strength.

Caution your hairdresser to set your hair so you may brush it hard without pulling out the wave.



This is a simple dressing for hair that has been devitalised through bleaching or from an illness.

A good hairdresser knows how to do this; he notices how your natural wave is inclined to fall and sets it accordingly. If your hair is short the ends should be set loosely and not in tight ringlets.

You might become so fond of the simple, functional setting that you will not be interested in

a more elaborate hair-do, excepting for very gala occasions! And do refrain from using any dyes or bleaches after an illness. Even though the shade may look a mess you owe it to your hair to help it back to health as much as you can. Any bleach or dye strips the hair of its normal beauty and elasticity.

Beauty Acquired At Home



Mrs. Olin D. Cole, the mother who made herself beautiful, shown in smart daytime costume and glamorous dinner gown.

If you are one to lament your limited circumstances, and groan because you cannot afford to improve your beauty at salons, you are due for a shameful blush when you hear the story of Mrs. Olin D. Cole.

Mrs. Cole is the mother of two children, a farmer's wife and a very busy woman. She became quite disgusted with her figure, her face, her skin, her hair. She wanted a "new-self." Haphazardly she exercised and once in a while she was inspired to do "something" for her beauty. But her half-indifference brought little reward of glamour. Then she read about a home beauty course offered by a popular cosmetic house and subscribed to it. On this point Mrs. Cole said to me—"I think once a woman pays for a beauty course she decides to get her money's worth out of it. I followed every lesson dutifully and was surprised to see how quickly I got results once I put my mind to it."

She truly worked hard to re-fashion herself and in a few months' time she succeeded in making herself glamorous. She slimmed, cleared her blemished skin, revitalised her hair and got a new and flattering coiffure. She confessed that her husband teased her about this beauty endeavour at first, but now he is as proud as she over the results!

Moral To Be Learned

What Mrs. Cole did any housewife or business girl can

do, and do it without affording a home course. This newspaper daily publishes programmes to acquire beauty, but many women read them and then do nothing about their beauty. Their laziness results in wishful thinking. "If I had money to take a course or go to a beauty salon every week I would be better looking," is what they tell themselves and others.

Not so, my dear. With an attitude like that you will never be beautiful. Even though you do go to a salon or gymnasium, you must work for beauty—work hard with inspiration and determination. That you can do in

your own home.

Cut and save the columns that appear here which apply specifically to your beauty problems. Paste them in a reference scrap book so you may refer to them each week. Set aside an hour or two each day for self-improvement (Mrs. Cole had housework and children, too.) Make up your mind that you will be better looking, that you will feel wonderfully healthy and that you will do many exciting things to add zest to your living. Make that hidden glamour come to the surface and your husband or beau will be mighty proud of you too!

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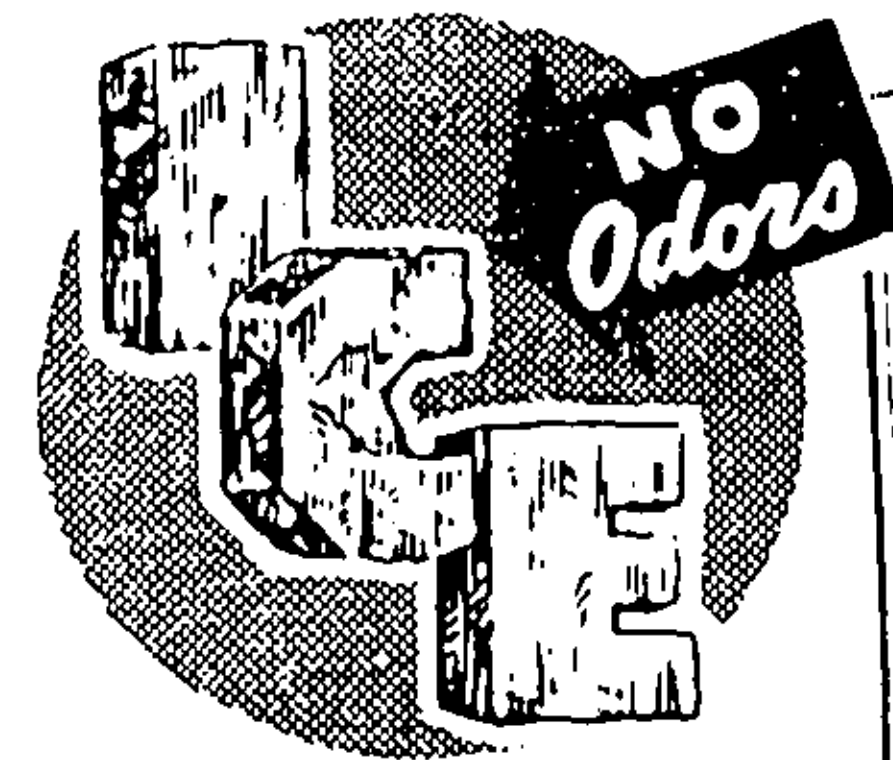
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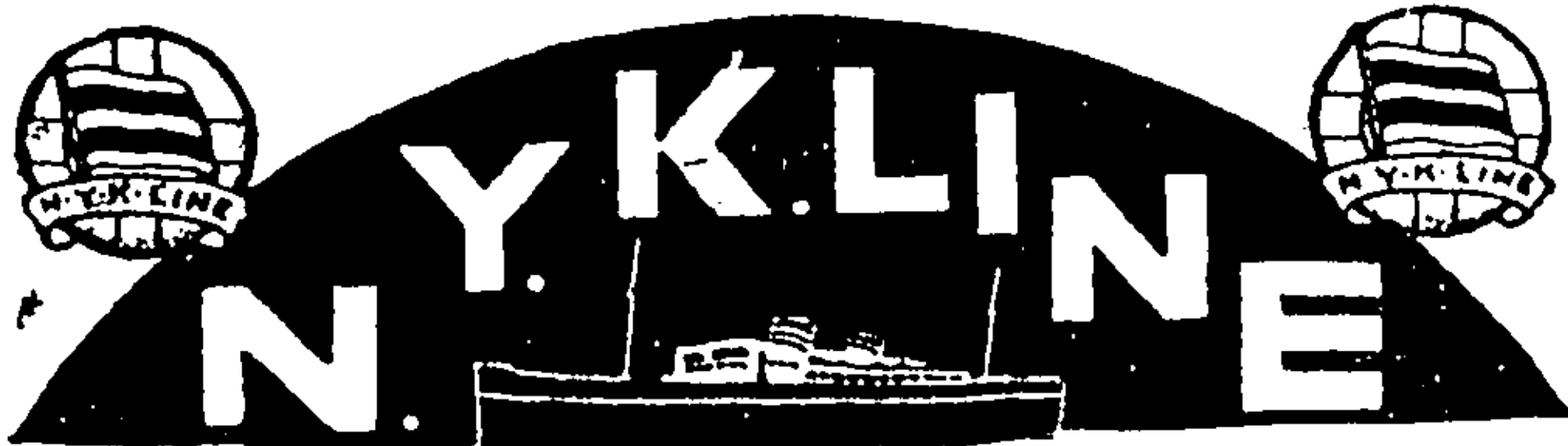
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Waltz—Never Break a Promise
Fox-Trots The Nearness of You
Never Took a Lesson in my Life

12.50 p.m.—Leahie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
By the Sweat of your Brow (Mack and others)
A Foggy Day (film "Damsel in Distress")
East of the Sun (Brooks Bowman)

1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra with Grace Moore (Soprano).
Parade of the Pirates (Bartoni).
Under the Balcony (Heyken).
Alfredo Campoli and His Orch.
Funiculi, Funicula (Denzel).
Musetta's Waltz Song "La Boheme" Puccini

Grace Moore (Soprano) w. Orch.
Canzonetta (D'Ambrosio).
Cavalina (Raff).
Alfredo Campoli and His Salon Orchestra.
The Whistling Boy (from "When You're in Love")

Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Romance in Moonlight.
Edna—Pale Moon, Pagan Love Song; In the Moonlight.
Alfredo Campoli and His Orch.

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m. Mendelssohn "Fingal's Cave" Overture and Piano Concerto in G Minor—Op. 25.
Overture "Fingal's Cave," Op. 26.
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 25.
1st Mov. Molto Allegro con Fuoco
2nd Mov. Andante
3rd Mov. Presto Molto Allegro e vivace.
Anna Dorofanov (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra

2.15 p.m. Close Down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—New Dance Records.
Fox-Trot—Follow your Shadow.
Slow Fox-Trot—You're Breaking My Heart All Over Again.
New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.
Six eights—Let the Bands Play.
The Spitfire Song.
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Glenn Miller and His Orchestra.
Swing Fox-Trot—Old Man Blues.
Sidney Bechet and His New Orleans Feetwarmers.
Fox-Trot—Pretty Little Petticoat.
Goodnight Again.
Joe Loss and His Orchestra

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."
Talk by the First Lord of the Admiralty, The Rt Hon Mr A. V. Alexander

7.30 p.m.—Max Miller with the Forces (Somewhere in England).

7.50 p.m.—Piano duets by Wiener and Doucet.

Strike Up The Band—Fox-Trot (Gershwin).
Garufa—Tango (Collazo).
La Cumparsita—Tango (Rodriguez).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—L'Accordeoniste Deprince et son Orchestre.

Rien Qu'un Chant d'Amour—Valse.
Mia Piccolina—Slow Fox-Trot (both from film "Naples au balser de feu").
Mon Petit Kaki—Valse.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Schubert—Lebensstürme, Op. 144.
Arthur Schnabel and Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Two Pianos).

9.28 p.m.—Chausson—Poeme, Op. 28.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor) and Lotte Lehmann (Soprano).
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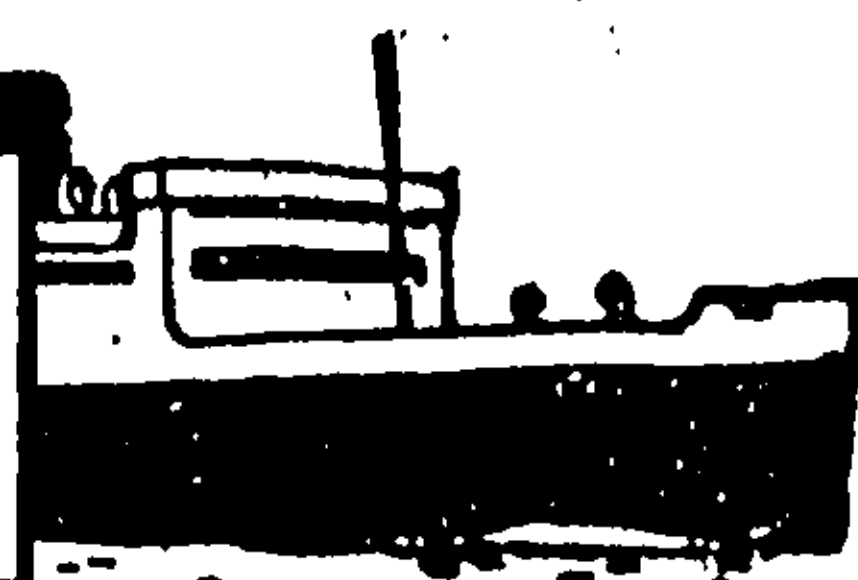
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.
10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out."

Feature Programme: A.B.C. Production—Made in England.
10.30 p.m.—The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York.
"The Barber of Seville"—Overture (Rossini).

Variations on a Theme by Haydn (St. Antoni Chorale), Op. 50A (Brahms).
"A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Mendelssohn)—Schorzo.

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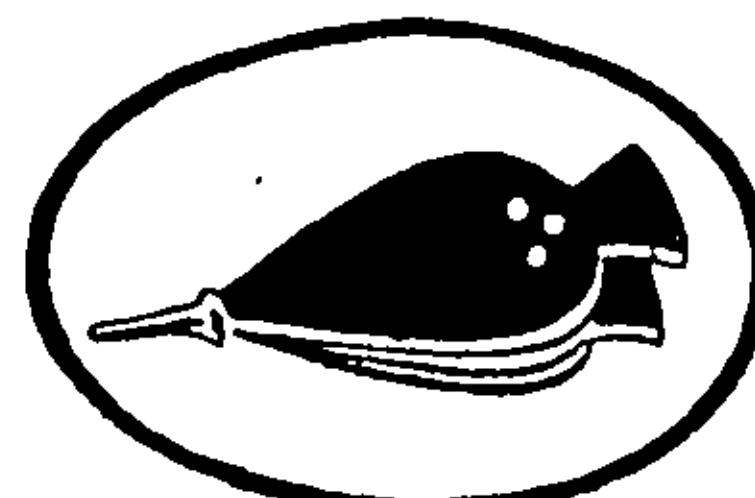
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1941 FORM GUIDE

JOCKEY'S AND OWNERS' RECORDS

Following is a complete survey of racing at the Valley this year, giving the time, first three ponies, their jockeys and weights, won by and when A.M. stands for Annual Meeting, and 1 or 2 means first or second day Meeting, etc.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES "A" CLASS

- ONE MILE**
141. Distant View (Ph, 157) and Many Thanks (S. W. Tang, 135) dead heat; Record 3. Endeavour (Wei, 151) Dead heat; 3 lengths. E.6 (11)
- 1 MILE 171 YARDS**
153 Sapper (Davis, 159) Record, 2. Distant View (Ph, 152), 3. Viceroy (Black, 140) 2 1/2 lengths and 1 1/2 lengths. E.2
- ONE AND A HALF MILES**
239.3 Australian Diamond (Chang, 152), Record. Baffin Bay (Chao, 159), 3. Viceroy (Black, 140) 1 1/2 lengths, 2 lengths. E.5
- TWO MILES**
342. Baffin Bay (Chao, 159) Record, 2. Australian Diamond (Chang, 159), 3. Triumphant Day (Liang, 148) 2 and many. E.3 (1)

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS, 1941

- HALF MILE & 170 YARDS**
106 The Nineteenth Hole (Hearne, 142), 3. King's Welcome (Black, 140), 3. Many Thanks (Ph, 144) 2 and 1. E.3 (1)
- ONE MILE**
101 Distant View (Ph, 152), 2. Fleeting (Poy, 152), 3. Many Thanks (Hearne, 142), 5 and 2. A.M.3
- 102.6 Starlight (Moller, 152), 2. Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152), 3. Hascossay (Davis, 152), 1 1/2 and short head. A.M.4
- 102.2 Gloaming (Poy, 152), 2. Hascossay (Davis, 152), 3. Locus Standi (Sokoloff, 152), 3 and short head. A.M.5
- 6 FURLONGS**
116. Vanity Fair (Wei, 159), 2. Many Thanks (Ph, 159), 3. Criffel (Black, 145) Short head and a head. E.2
- 117.4 Vanguard (Chang, 145), 2. Prairie View (Ph, 159), 3. Gay Fox (Poy, 142), 3 lengths, 2 lengths. E.4
- 118.2 Distant View (Ph, 152), 2. Vis Major (Sokoloff, 152), 3. Starlight (Moller, 152), 3 and 5. A.M.1
- 118.4 Moonlight (Wei, 142), 3. Happy Returns (Chao, 151), 3. Pumpernickel (Ph, 152) Many lengths and a neck. E.2
- ONE MILE**
147.2 Mountain View (Ph, 159), 2. Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152), 3. Iron Belle (Wei, 141) 2 1/2 lengths, 4 lengths. E.4
148. A Luxurious Time (Hearne, 152), 2. Prairie View (Ph, 159), 3. National Courage (Chang, 142), 3 and 2. A.M.5
- 150.5 Mainail (Black, 152), 2. A Rosy Time (Hearne, 149), 3. The Koala Bear (Tang, 142), 3 and 1/2. A.M.5
- 151.6 A Happy Time (Hearne, 152), 2. Fleeting (Poy, 152), 3. Coloona (Black, 152), 3 and short head. A.M.1
- 1 MILE 171 YARDS**
155 Starlight (Wei, 147), 2. Coloona (Black, 152), 3. Mountain View (Botelho, 149) Half length and a neck.
- 200.3 Fleeting (Poy, 152), Starlight (Moller, 152), 3. Mountain View (Ph, 152), 3 and 1. A.M.2
- 1 1/2 MILES**
212. National Courage (Chang, 140), 2. Man-O-War (Chao, 159), 3. Vanguard (Wei, 149) 1 1/2 lengths, 3 lengths. E.6 (1)
- 214.1 Fleeting (Poy, 157) Record, 2. Mountain View (Ph, 149), 3. Amusement Tax (Wei, 142), 4 lengths; many lengths. E.3 (2)
- 219.3 Coloona (Black, 152), 2. Oracle (Needa, 149), 3. Prairie View (Ph, 152), Short head and 3. A.M.3
- 219.4 First Love (Liang, 152), 2. Prairie View (Ph, 152), 3. Marsh Warbler (Black, 152), 3 and short head. A.M.1
- 1 1/2 MILES**
254.1 Distant View (Ph, 152), 2. Oracle (Needa, 151), 3. First Love (Liang, 152), Many and 3. A.M.2
- 1 3/4 MILES**
325.1 Marsh Warbler (Black, 152), 2. Mountain View (Ph, 152), 3. National Courage (Chang, 152), 2 1/2 and many. A.M.4

AUSTRALIAN SUBS. 1941

- HALF MILE**
51.1 Moonlight (Noodt, 140), 2. Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152), 3. Fresh Air (Ph, 149), 2 and short head. A.M.2
- 54.1 Bendemeer (Needa, 152), 2. Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152), 3. Newborn Star (Craven, 152), 2 and 4. A.M.2
- 101.1 Fresh Air (Pan, 140), 2. Newborn Star (Davis, 145), 3. Gold Rod (Liang, 142), 4 and 6. E.3 (1)
- ABOUT 1/2 MILE AND 171 YARDS**
101.1 Amber II (Pan, 142), 2. National Reform (Chang, 142), 3. Ozark (Proulx, 142), Short head; the same. E.5
- 102.2 Hole in One (Hearne, 142), 2. Battlo (Chang, 142), 3. Royal Sovereign (Tao, 150), 1 1/2 and 1/2. E.3 (1)

"RAPIER'S" SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1
HOPEFUL STAR
EVE OF FOLLY
LANCASHIRE LASS
Outsider:—Eve of Peace.

Race No. 2
A ROSY TIME
LOOK SEE
LEADING STAR
Outsider:—High Hat.

Race No. 3
CATTERICK BRIDGE
VANGUARD
THE NINETEENTH HOLE
Outsider:—Lancashire Chips.

Race No. 4
NOMINE POENAE
PRAIRIE VIEW
GAY FOX
Outsider:—Vis Major.

Race No. 5
CONFUSION BAY
VELVETLIGHT
O-LAN
Outsider:—World Fair View.

Race No. 6
NEWBORN STAR
ANZAC DAY
TOBACCO SHIP
Outsider:—Snow White.

Race No. 7
CHEERFUL STAR
SHUTTLECOCK
INCOME TAX
Outsider:—Double Finesse.

Race No. 8
PEACEFUL VIEW
GALVESTON BAY
ADVANCING TIME
Outsider:—Musketeer.

Race No. 9
KING'S FLIGHT
JUS GENTIUM
HAPPY RETURNS
Outsider:—Lex Fori.

Race No. 10
CRIFTEL
VENUS BAY
VIXEN TOR
Outsider:—Contact.

Race No. 11
AMBER II
BREDON
SPRING SHINE
Outsider:—Winnie.

Race No. 12
TROPICAL LOVE
ARCHER
SURPRISE AGAIN
Outsider:—Subpoena.

DAILY DOUBLE:—CONFUSION BAY AND CHEERFUL STAR.

6 FURLONGS
116.4 Man-O-War (Ph, 149), 2. Vanguard (Chang, 149), 3. Iron Belle (Wei, 145) 4 lengths, 6 lengths. E.3 (2)

117.1 Moonlight (Wei, 152), 2. A Surprising Time (Black, 149), 3. Manhattan (Hearne, 150) A length; 1/2 length. E.3 (2)

117.2 National Courage (Chang, 152), 2. Vis Major (Chao, 152), 3. Sea Jay (Gregory, 145) 4 lengths, 2 lengths. E.3 (2)

117.3 Catterick Bridge (Chao, 150) and Cheerful Star (Proulx, 145) dead heat; 3. Double Finesse (Tao, 150) Dead heat; short head. E.3 (2)

118.1 Royal Sovereign (Tao, 150), 2. Anzac Day (Hearne, 147), 3. Newborn Star (Proulx, 153), 2 lengths; 1/2 length. E.4

118.2 Angel of Glory (Black, 142), 2. Twinkling Star (Craven, 142), 3. Tobacco Ship (Botelho, 140), 2 lengths; 2 lengths. E.4

119.4 United Express (Ip Kuy-ying, 152), 2. Fresh Air (Woo, 149), 3. Newborn Star (Craven, 152), 5 and 1/2. A.M.1

119.4 Amulet Star (Craven, 152), 2. Black Seal (Chao, 152), 3. A Surprising Time (Hearne, 152) Neck and short head. A.M.1

119.4 National Welfare (Tao, 152), 2. Happy Returns (Wei, 149), 3. Vitamin M (Black, 152), Head and head. A.M.1

120. Longdon (Wei, 149), 2. Roofly (Needa, 159), 3. Bredon (Chatterley, 154), Short head; the same. E.3 (2)

120.2 Maple Leaf (Noodt, 140), 2. Optima Fide (Sokoloff, 152), Fresh Air (Needa, 149), 1 1/2 and 3. A.M.3

144.0 Oracle (Needa, 150), Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152), 3. Prairie View (Ph, 152), 1 1/2 and 6. E.1 (Record)

144.2 Conniber (Chao, 151), 2. Devonian (Black, 142), 3. Rowan (Hearne, 150), 2 and a neck. E.1

144.3 Shuttlecock (Black, 139), 2. Venus Bay (Needa, 159), 3. Cocklerol (Davis, 133), A neck and 3. E.1

147.4 Optima Fide (Chao, 152), 2. Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152), 3. A Rosy Time (Black, 149), Half length and a neck. E.1

147.4 Corsair (Botelho, 149), 2. Bona Vacantia (Lee, 153), 3. Daylight (Wei, 152), 2 and 3. E.1

140.1 Black Seal (Needa, 152), 3. The Koala Bear (Tang, 153), 3. Bendigo (Black, 152), Half length and 1 1/2 length. E.1

ONE MILE

145. A Surprising Time (Black, 149), 2. Happy Returns (Chang, 140), 3. Mainsail (Craven, 153), 1 1/2 lengths; 1 1/2 lengths. E.6 (1)

148.0 Manhattan (Hearne, 149), 3. Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150), 3. Endeavour (Wei, 152), 4 and 3. A.M.1

148.0 Endeavour (Moller, 152), 2. Mainsail (Yuen, 152), 3. A Surprising Time (Black, 152), 1 1/2 and 4. A.M.4

149.2 Jus Gentium (Black, 149), 2. Snow White (Ph, 149), 3. Seal River (Hearne, 149), 2 and 3. E.1

151.0 A Surprising Time (Black, 152), 2. Black Seal (Moller, 152), 3. Corsair (Botelho, 149), 3 and 3. A.M.5

152.0 United Express (Ip Kuy-ying, 152), 2. Tien Tien (Sun, 150), 3. Casino (Tang Man-wa, 149), Many and 2. A.M.2

153.0 Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152), 2. Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152), 3. Bugle (Moller, 149), 1 1/2 and 1 1/2. A.M.4

1 MILE 171 YARDS
157. Crack Shot (Lee, 139), 2. Twinkling Star (Craven, 150), 3. Sydney Lady (Hearne, 154), 2 lengths, a length. E.6 (1)

157.2 A Happy Time (Black, 152), 2. Conniber (Chao, 151), 3. Starlight (Wei, 157), 2 and 2. E.3 (1)

157.4 Springhurst (Poy, 148), 2. Contact (Davis, 149), 3. Vixen Tor (Treverton, 144), A neck and 1 length. E.3 (1)

158.1 Wayworth (Wood, 143), 2. Bugle (Wei, 147), 3. Bendigo (Pan, 144), 3 lengths, 2 lengths. E.3 (2)

158.2 Joan (Wei, 142), 2. Anzac Day (Hearne, 142), 3. The Koala Bear (Tang, 146), 1 1/2 lengths, 2 1/2 lengths. E.3 (2)

158.3 Bugle (Wei, 159), 2. Vitamin M (Black, 140), 3. Gooly (Ip Kuy-ying, 142), Half length, half length. E.6 (1)

200.0 Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152), 2. Black Seal (Chao, 152), 3. Bugle (Wei, 149), Short head and 1/2. A.M.2

202.2 Happy Returns (Chao, 149), 2. Santa Anita (Liang, 152), 3. Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152), 1 and 2. A.M.3

1 1/4 MILES
213.3 Man-O-War (Ph, 145), 2. A Happy Time (Tao, 152), 3. National Courage (Chang, 142), 1 1/2 lengths; 4 lengths. E.4

215.4 Catterick Bridge (Chao, 151), 2. Contact (Needa, 149), 3. Vixen Tor (Hearne, 141), 1 1/2 lengths; 1 1/2 lengths. E.4

216. Mainsail (Black, 152) Record; 2. King's Flight (Needa, 145), 3. Happy Returns (Wei, 151), 1 1/2 and 3. E.3 (1)

218.3 Bona Vacantia (Chao, 152), 2. Bugle (Wei, 159), 3. Seventy Six (Hearne, 142), 1 1/2 length, many lengths. E.4

220.3 Tien Tien (Pan, 147), 2. Corvette (Treverton, 142), 3. Shalalhen (Black, 142), 1 1/2 lengths, many lengths. E.4

222.2 King's Flight (Needa, 152), 2. Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152), 3. Bugle (Moller, 149), 4 and 1 1/2. A.M.3

230.2 Santa Anita (Liang, 152), 2. King's Flight (Needa, 152), 3. Corsair (Botelho, 150), 3 and 2. A.M.2

1 1/2 MILES
249.0 United Express (Ip, 152), 2. Endeavour (Moller, 152), 3. Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150), 1 1/2 and 1/2. A.M.3

TWO MILES
355.1 Never-Never (Black, 152), 2. Santa Anita (Liang, 152), 3. Corsair (Botelho, 149), 2 and many. A.M.4

AUSTRALIAN OLD PONIES

6 FURLONGS
118.0 Viceroy (Black, 147), 2. Far View (Ph, 149), 3. Brown Derby (Treverton, 135), Head and short head. A.M.3

HALF MILE AND 170 YARDS
58.4 Distant View (Ph, 149) Record; 2. Endeavour (Wei, 145), 3. Vanity Fair (Black, 139), 1 1/2 length; short head. E.3 (2)

101.1 Ratio Decidendi (Black, 142), 2. Riverside (Wei, 142), 3. Diastasis (Tang, 142), 4 lengths; the same. E.5

ONE MILE
144.2 Shuttlecock (Black, 137), 2. Cheerful Star (Craven, 148), 3. Gay Fox (Poy, 145), 1 length; 1 length. E.5

140.2 Sapper (Davis, 159), 2. Far View (Ph, 159), 3. Viceroy (Black, 152), 5 and 2 1/2. A.M.1

140.3 Bendigo (Pan, 147), 2. Twinkling Star (Craven, 145), 3. Snow White (Ph, 141), Two lengths; a head. E.5

148.1 Harmony Star (S. W. Lee, 154), 2. Sydney Lady (Chiu, 154), 3. Surprise (Chiu, 148), 3 lengths. E.5

150.3 Catterick Bridge (Chao, 148), 2. Venus Bay (Needa, 159), 3. Cheerful Star (Tao, 154), 1 1/2 and 1. A.M.1

152.2 Longdon (Noodt, 135), 2. Roofly (Needa, 159), 3. A Good Time (Chang, 153), 5 and 2 1/2. A.M.4

150.0 Many Thanks (Hearne, 159), 2. Vixen Tor (Noodt, 147), 3. Pumpernickel (Tao, 153), Many and 4. A.M.2

1 MILE 171 YARDS
158.1 Graceful View (Ph, 148), 2. Roofly (Hearne, 149), 3. Crack Shot (Lee, 137), A head; 3 lengths. E.5

159. Dashing Beauty (Chao, 142), 2. Spring Shine (Chiu, 142), 3. Odin (Tu, 142), 3 lengths; short head. E.5

The following are the leading jockeys and owners to date:—

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
D. Black	18	7	17	49
L. B. Chao	13	16	8	31
H. C. Pih	11	15	9	47
P. Y. T. Wei	11	7	12	38
V. V. Needa	9	12	3	39
H. J. A. Hearne	6	8	4	44
*C. B. Moller	7	6	4	13
W. H. S. Davis	6	8	5	34
*F. Noodt	5	3	2	21
H. S. Chang	4	6	5	38
D. H. S. Craven	4	6	3	8
W. G. Poy	4	4	4	37
Ip Kuy-ying	4	1	3	11
S. W. Pan	4	0	1	24
R. M. Wood	4	0	0	27
*M. M. Sokoloff	2	6	4	15
E. W. Lee	2	4	2	42
B. L. Tao	2	2	6	45
S. C. Liang	2	2	4	28
S. W. Tang	2	1	5	16
P. P. Botelho	2	0	7	39
W. Yui	2	0	1	2
G. Treverton	1	2	2	37
A. D. Coppin	1	2	1	5
R. K. C. Chiu	1	1	0	34
B. A. Proulx	1	0	2	2
T. W. Chattey	1	0	2	6
*H. J. Holden	1	0	1	0
Y. K. Tu	1	0	1	10
Li Shiu-fai	1	0	0	4
S. L. Yuen	1	0	0	56
Chiu Ki-fan	0	3	1	24
Hoo Pak-ming	0	1	1	40

159.1 Fair Chance (Wei, 146), 2. Springhurst (Poy, 148), 3. Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143), 1 1/2 and short head. A.M.1

TWO MILES

339.1 Endeavour (Wei, 145), 2. Australian Diamond (Chang, 150), 3. Viceroy (Black, 154), 4 and 3. E.1

331.4 Brutus (Treverton, 135), 2. Springhurst (Poy, 149), 3. Conniber (Chang, 149), 3 and 1 1/2. A.M.4

354.3 Centre Court (Noodt, 146), 2. Venus Bay (Needa, 159), 3. Colorado Star (Davis, 135), 1 1/2 and many. A.M.5

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1 1/4 MILES
217.0 Sapper (Davis, 152), 2. Distant View (Ph, 152), 3. Viceroy (Black, 152), 3 and 5. A.M.4

218.1 United Express (Ip Kuy-ying, 152), 2. Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150), 3. Happy Returns (Chao, 151), 3 and 1 1/2. A.M.5

NEW CHINA PONIES

ABOUT HALF-MILE 171 YARDS
106 Wonderful Scheme (O. H. S. Craven, 144), 2. Night Express (Ph, 144), 3. So Nice (Davis, 142), 1 and 4. E.3 (1)

106.2 Lancashire Lass (R. K. C. Chiu, 144), 2. Jennifer (Coppin, 152), 3. King King (Hoo Pak-ming, 147), 3 and a neck. E.2

108.3 Galveston Bay (Yui, 145), 2. Musketeer (Hoo Pak-ming, 139), 3. Emergency (S. W. Lee, 142), Half length and four lengths. E.2

6 FURLONGS
122.3 Oolong (Needa, 152), 2. Love Light (Noodt, 152), 3. Palber (Chao, 152), 3 and 1. A.M.1

124.4 Charlesber (Chao, 152), 2. Iron Beauty (Wei, 152), 3. Odeon (Sequeira, 152), 1 and many. E.1

126.0 Palber (Chao, 152), 2. Sam's Choice (Black, 150), 3. Wonderful Scheme (Sokoloff, 152), 1 and 1. A.M.4

126.1 Odeon (Tu, 152), 2. Raconteur (Tao, 150), 3. Love View (Ph, 147), A head a neck. E.6 (1)

ONE MILE
156. Eve of Grandeur (Davis, 149), 2. Odeon (Needa, 152), 3. Night Express (Ip Kuy-ying, 149), 2 and 2. E.2

158.1 Velvetlight (Moller, 159), 2. Oolong (Pollock, 159), 3. Charlesber (Chao, 152), 1 1/2 and many. A.M.4

159.3 World Fair View (Ph, 152), 2. Palber (Chao, 152), 3. Sam's Choice (Black, 149), Many and head. A.M.3

201.0 Eve of Dancing (Wood, 154), 2. Eve of Folly (Davis, 156), 3. Rose Jane (Botelho, 149), 2 and a head. A.M.5

210.4 Oolong (Sokoloff, 159), 2. Velvetlight (Moller, 159), 3. Charlesber (Chao, 152), Short head and many. A.M.3

1 MILE 171 YARDS
210.1 Sam's Choice (Black, 149), 2. Charlesber (Chao, 152), 3. Iron Beauty (Wei, 152), Short head and 3 lengths. A.M.5

1 1/4 MILES
241.0 Velvetlight (Moller, 15

CORRESPONDENCE

A LOCAL RESIDENT'S CONNECTION WITH HISTORIC SOCCER MATCH

Sports Editor,

Sir, I read with rather a personal interest an article in the "Mail" of May 30 which referred to the world record score of 36-0, when Arbroath beat Bon Accord Aberdeen, although I wasn't born until 16 years after that memorable match.

I can recollect, as a small boy going to soccer matches with my father, who played centre half for Dundee Harp, when they won 35-0 against Aberdeen. On numerous occasions, the topic of conversation among the members of my father's team was "no no" and so had not missed a single Harp would have held the record.

The years rolled on and I was just about finishing my football career in the Colony in 1929 when I went home to my native Dundee for a holiday. In the Summer of that year I took my father to Arbroath on an outing and he lost no time in seeking out an old soccer rival of his, named Petrie, the Arbroath outside-right and outside-left as stated in your article who scored 13 goals in that historic match. We found Petrie mending shoes in his small cobbler's shop in a side lane not far from Gayfield Park. I was very much entertained at the two old men recalling experiences on the football field 44 years previous.

It appears that filthy tactics on the field were the order rather than the exception and the two men were most complimentary in their remarks on each other's play. It appears that quite a favourite method of unsighting an opponent whom you were tackling was to squirt tobacco-juice through the teeth into his eyes in the expert manner that apparently all footballers acquired as a useful stock trick.

Later in the evening Petrie and my father sat down to a quiet game of dominoes in an adjoining pub and my father was beaten every time. Petrie confessed afterwards that his invariable success was due to the fact that he had two small pieces of black leather on his knee the size of a domino spot and when he wanted to change a 4 into a 5 he would click an extra spot in the centre.

This colourful old man died several years ago but my father

is still living. In his youth he was a playing member of Preston North End, when they won the English Cup with only 10 men, and for many years he cherished the gold medal that was awarded him for appearing in that match.

In conclusion I might say that present day Hong Kong football is not a patch on what it was 15 years ago. Where are the present day players to compare with the Hudsons, Stewarts, McKelvey, Clarks, Bishops, Wynnes, Batons and Humberstons of the past era? I fail to see them, and nowadays I get far more of a thrill out of watching a game of softball.

"Lochee Nee Lights" Wayfoong

JOCKEY'S AND OWNER'S RECORDS

(Continued from Page 14)

C. C. F.	1	2	0	Sportsman	1	0	0	Chan Bros.	0	0	1
Culture	1	2	0	Grake	1	0	0	L. T. F.	0	0	1
Gredmaka	1	1	2	L. & Y.	1	0	0	T. & W.	0	0	1
Collene	1	1	2	Monestoy	1	0	0	Taxpayer	0	0	1
Miss Li Po-chun	1	1	1	Mortimer Snerd	1	0	0	Bikit	0	0	1
S. K.	1	1	1	Ellandee	0	5	1	J. F. MacGregor	0	0	1
Wal Shiu-pak	1	1	0	Iron	0	2	4	G. W. Sewell	0	0	1
Li Shiu-fai	1	1	0	Lucky	0	2	2	K. C. C.	0	0	1
Villaja	1	0	5	Chau & Chau	0	2	0				
L. W. S.	1	0	3	Dr. Lee Shiu-kee	0	2	0				
Toots	1	0	2	C. N. K.	0	1	3				
F. A. Sutton	1	0	2	Cocda	0	1	2				
H. Leigh	1	0	1	Tester & Abraham	0	1	2				
P. & L.	1	0	1	T. & E.	0	1	1				
Pearstun	1	0	1	Quartermaster	0	1	1				
Shields & Stanton	1	0	1	G. A. Harriman	0	1	1				
S. T. Williamson	1	0	1	Mok Kon-sang	0	1	1				
Y. L.	1	0	1	Manetta	0	1	1				
Highlight	1	0	0	Circ. Jnr.	0	1	0				
Chan K.	1	0	0	Lady Northcote	0	1	0				
C. W. K.	1	0	0	New Line	0	1	0				
Cal	1	0	0	T. W. Lee	0	1	0				
Yeung Bros.	1	0	0	Cladaheba	0	1	0				
Weetoo	1	0	0	Peter & Paul	0	1	0				
Hollandia	1	0	0	T. L.	0	0	2				
P. M. Hoo	1	0	0	W. T. Stanton	0	0	2				
C. L. Gregory	1	0	0	I. L.	0	0	1				
Kwok Yee-chan	1	0	0	S. S.	0	0	1				
Trevorton	1	0	0	Solemnly	0	0	1				
Mrs. B. Hall	1	0	0	I. M. M. F.	0	0	1				
S. W.	1	0	0	Ash	0	0	1				
Chenai	1	0	0	Mrs. J. T. Taggart	0	0	1				
Wayfoong	1	0	0	John Peel	0	0	1				
				S. L. K.	0	0	1				

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News has been received in the Colony that George Kew, former D.B.S. all-round sportsman, who is taking a course in dentistry in the United States, has kept up with his athletics and has developed into a really useful middle-distance runner. Kew used to play quite a good game of cricket but he has not had any opportunity of getting in any games in his present surroundings.

The announcement that the Army are soon to stage wrestling tournaments for members of Indian Regiments here has revived interest amongst civilian Indians in the Colony, and rumour has it that a few matches will be staged shortly.

Tony Mascavage, U.S.S. Mindanao baseball team catcher, spends a great deal of his spare time "cutting figures of eight" on the local roller-skating rinks.

EASTERN WIN

Eastern touring team beat the South Coast by four goals to two yesterday at Sydney.

It is learned that as quite a number of undergraduates of the University are at present in Malaya, on their Summer vacation, a Post v. Prent sports meeting may be arranged, the games to include tennis, badminton and hockey. The suggestion is stated to have come from H. N. Balhatchet, one-time cricket captain of University, and now a schoolmaster in one of the Malay States.

Kessa Nazarin, pitcher of the Indian softball team that won the International series, has had to give up the idea of playing baseball during the Summer because of "slowness of the eye". Nazarin, however, will concentrate on swimming (breast-stroke) at the V.R.C.



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LESSONS OF CRETE

Hitler Not Appreciably Nearer His Goal

MOSUL OILFIELDS UNDAMAGED

The Mosul oilfields are intact, states a Baghdad despatch received in Vichy yesterday.

The situation is quiet in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, where the police have had no trouble during the past 48 hours. — Reuter.

IRELAND ANNOYED AT RAID

Known casualties in the Dublin bombing were established last night as 27 killed and 88 injured, and the search for victims continues. Three hundred were rendered homeless.

In an editorial yesterday the Dublin "Sunday Independent"

Admiration For Heroic Allied Forces

WHILE THERE IS NO DISPOSITION TO MINIMISE THE FEROCITY OF THE STRUGGLE WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE IN CRETE, BRITISH REACTION TO EVENTS IN THIS BATTLE HAS DIFFERED CONSIDERABLY FROM WHAT THE GERMANS DOUBTLESS EXPECTED.

Both the strategical importance of Crete and the ruthlessness of the German war effort have been fully realised by the British public as a whole, but realisation of these two factors does not by a long way tell the whole story.

When, over a week ago, it was first realised that the position of the Imperial and Greek forces in Crete had been rendered perilous by the fact they were fighting almost deprived of aerial

said "We are sure that Mr. Valera, who visited the scenes of destruction yesterday and who sympathised with the sufferers, will protest vigorously to the belligerents concerned."

"Fire has been strictly neutral since the outbreak of war and she has the right to expect and to demand that her territory and the air above that territory should not be violated by any of the nations at war." — Reuter.

protection, most people in Britain with memories of the rapid invasion of Holland and other past Nazi successes prepared themselves for the worst and expected overnight news that the great battle was lost.

Since then much time has been gained and heavy losses have been inflicted on the picked and elaborately trained German troops.

Lessons Learned

British opinion consequently has tended to place the main emphasis on admiration for the heroic might of the Allied soldiers, coupled with a general determination to profit from all the lessons of the campaign, especially perhaps the need for ever-increasing protection of R.A.F. aerodromes.

To-day the general feeling in Britain seems to be that despite the withdrawal from Crete, the course of events in the Near East has not brought Hitler appreciably nearer his ultimate goal.

Hitler has ferociously expended his men, petrol and machines.

Significant Decision

The decision in Germany that henceforth special prayers for Nazi armies in the field shall be offered in all churches until the end of the war, may be taken as evidence of the growing need to support German morale against the coming news of heavy losses.

Moreover, as Mr. Churchill declared a few days ago, despite the successes of German dive-bombers in attacking British ships under ideal conditions from their point of view, "there is no question whatever of the British naval position in the Mediterranean having been prejudicially affected."

Uses Of Crete Defence

THE FACT IS THAT, THANKS TO THE MAGNIFICENT STAND MADE BY THE BRITISH FORCES AND THE LONG TIME THEY MANAGED TO HOLD OUT IN CRETE, THE SITUATION IN OTHER CENTRES IN THE NEAR EAST HAS CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED FOR BRITAIN.

While Crete was being held, forces and aeroplanes from East Africa had been made ready for action elsewhere. Tanks have been overhauled and serviced and the situation in Iraq has been cleared up.

All this has given the British solid encouragement, which has done much to counter-balance the inevitable anxiety that was felt for the Imperial forces in Crete. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

A Japanese shop in Wanchai, the Horiuchi Book-shop, No. 38, Hennessy Road, was robbed by four men, armed with a revolver and a dagger, shortly after 8 p.m. yesterday. After binding and blinding the salesman, Kani-chiro Sakuma, the men found the key to the safe and removed \$545 in banknotes. Later they ransacked the amah's quarters and stole \$40.20 in local currency and \$100 in Chinese currency.

The resignation of Moshanoff, President of the Bulgarian Sobranie or Parliament, announced by the Free French Agency at Istanbul, is regarded in authoritative quarters in London as a clear indication of the discord between Bulgaria, Italy and Germany over the future of the Balkans.

The resignation, which can only be regarded as a dismissal, is the result of Moshanoff's known objections to the exploitation of his country by the German occupying forces and his protests against Italian annexations of territory in southern Serbia. No doubt is felt he was dismissed on Axis orders.

The dismissal is the first outward sign of tension in the Balkans existing between three disturbers of the peace—Italy, Germany and Bulgaria—who are now quarrelling over the spoils.

Open clashes have occurred between Bulgarian and Italian forces in southern Serbia where the Italians are claiming territory which, if not Bulgarian, is even less Italian or Albanian.

It is believed the Bulgarian War Minister's recent visit to Berlin was connected with this dispute between Italy and Bulgaria. — British Wireless.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Soviet Tass agency reports that U.S. Marines guarding the International Settlement in Shanghai clashed with Japanese soldiers when the Marines detained a motor-load of armed Japanese. — International News Service.



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